

Compulsory Student Services Fee

Laidlaw College charges a Compulsory Student Services Fee to fund key services to students.

The services aim to provide support in the areas of wellbeing, community, retention and achievement.

More specifically the following areas of support are offered:

Careers

Staff involvement with career development and advice, including Mission week, Church at Large Week, Pasifika Inspire, advertising of job opportunities through a weekly e-newsletter, mentoring, and consultation with potential employers to transition students into post-study employment, and advice on further study pathways.

Counselling/Pastoral Care

Provision of counselling services, facilities to encourage conversation and wellbeing (common rooms, café spaces). Community events to foster community (eg. Community lunches, cultural concerts, quizzes, chapel services), non-academic support provided by academic and operational staff, provision of Deans on some campuses.

Financial Support/Advice

Hardship assistance, needy student support fund, administration of these and various scholarship funds and supporting applications for external funding.

Sports, Recreation and Cultural Facilities

Funds help towards the upkeep of recreational facilities, cultural and community events, community lunches, student leader retreats and training, student leadership oversight.

Laidlaw College's Student Leadership Team provides leadership to students and represents student interests. The Student Leadership Team is consulted with on the level of the fee (maximum to be charged), and the types of services the fee covers. The consultation also covers the method of authorisation and the way the services are provided.

The Service Funding Report on the following page details the agreed 2023 Compulsory Student Services Fee level and the income and expenditure for each type of student service.

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SERVICE FUNDING REPORT - for the year ended 31 December 2023

Compulsory Student Services Fee

The charge per Equivalent Full Time Student (EFTS) is \$480.

This is calculated at the rate of \$4 per credit.

The charge for Distance Students is \$60 per Semester.

INCOME	2023	2022
Careers Information, advice and guidance	\$18,110	\$26,471
Counselling services and pastoral care	\$62,572	\$82,945
Financial support and advice	\$9,222	\$12,354
Sports, recreation and cultural activities	\$41,826	\$54,709
Total Student Services Fee Income	\$131,730	\$176,479
EXPENSES		
Careers Information, advice and guidance	\$12,774	\$21,491
Counselling services and pastoral care	\$53,432	\$61,058
Financial support and advice	\$21,902	\$13,147
Sports, recreation and cultural activities	\$47,097	\$80,781
Total Expenses	\$135,205	\$176,477
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,475)	\$2

All amounts include GST

All income and expenditure associated with these services is separately accounted for in Laidlaw College's accounting system.

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Chief Financial Officer
Laidlaw College Inc.
30 May 2024

This information is also reported in our audited Consolidated and Separate Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Compulsory Student Services Fee 2023

The Compulsory Student Services Fees remained unchanged for 2023. For “on campus students” this is \$480 (\$4 per credit) per Equivalent Full Time Student. For distance students this is \$60 per student per semester. The last increase was in 2012.

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Compulsory Student Services Fee 2024

Laidlaw College and the Student Leadership Team consulted in November 2023 and agreed the following:

1. That the fee for 2024 remain unchanged for the 13th consecutive year.
2. That the 2024 Fee be allocated to
 - (a) Careers, information, advice and guidance – 12%
 - (b) Counselling Services/pastoral care – 38%
 - (c) Financial Support and advice – 7%
 - (d) Sports, recreation and cultural activities – 43%.

It is understood circumstances change from year to year so the actual expenditure may vary between categories.

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