



**LEIBLER  
YAVNEH  
COLLEGE**

בית הספר הדתי הציוני "ליבליר יבנה"

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## FAQs

### Why has Leibler Yavneh College changed its fee structure?

We know that the cost of Jewish education has become an increasing burden on parents who simply want the best for their children, which has caused hardship for many within our school community and affected both full-fee paying families and those on Fee Relief.

As a leading Jewish day school, we pride ourselves on our belief that all Jewish children deserve access to a high-quality Jewish education, and we acknowledge the impact of the cost of education on our entire school community.

That is why we have reviewed our current fee structure as part of our ongoing commitment to finding long-term and sustainable solutions to alleviate the fee burden on parents.

### What is the Leibler Yavneh Fee Transformation Program?

The Leibler Yavneh College (LYC) Fee Transformation Program is an innovative school fee program that provides greater financial choice for parents enabling all parents to positively enhance Jewish educational outcomes for all LYC students.

The program allows parents to deposit 20% of their school fees up front, which will appear on the fee statement sent to parents.

Parents will then have the option to either have the deposit wholly or partially refunded, or for the deposit to be applied as a tax-deductible charitable donation, with donations to be acknowledged on an honour board within the school grounds.

### How does the Fee Transformation Program work?

To ensure the program rollout is a success, the first phase of the program in 2021 will be rolled out to families of students in years 7-12, with a view to extending the program to all students and families in 2022.

For families of students in years 7-12, a 20% fee deposit line will now appear on your term one fee statement, which is payable as soon as possible but no later than 14 May 2021.

Up until 15 June 2021, families of students in years 7-12 will communicate to the College electing to either:

- a) have the deposit wholly or partially refunded, or
- b) for the deposit to be transferred into a tax-deductible charitable donation, with donations to be acknowledged on an honour board within the school grounds.

Regardless of the option chosen, this program will result in a substantial saving on school fees for all parents of students in Years 7-12.

The program has been reviewed by the school's legal counsel and the Australian Tax Office and is being delivered with the support of the Council of Jewish Education in Schools.

### **Is the program available to all parents?**

To ensure the program rollout is a success, the first phase of the program in 2021 will be rolled out to families of students in years 7-12, with a view to extending the program to all students and families in 2022.

We are excited by the potential for this new LYC Fee Transformation Program to provide even greater support to more LYC families over time.

### **When will Prep-6 families be able to access the Fee Transformation Program?**

It is currently envisaged that the next phase of the program will be rolled out to all families, including Prep-6, from term one 2022.

### **What if I have children in Prep-6 and 7-12, does the program only apply to my child/ren in 7-12?**

Yes, for now the program will only apply to those children who are currently enrolled in years 7-12.

### **What if parents are currently receiving fee-relief for their school fees?**

This will not in any way affect fee-relief arrangements. The 20% deposit will be based on your pre-approved fee arrangement.

### **Are full-fee paying families eligible?**

Yes, this program applies to all parents regardless of any other fee relief or subsidy arrangements as an acknowledgment of the increasing burden of school fees on our entire school community.

### **How does the program interact with general school fee discounts?**

General school fee discounts will be applied on your payable school fee portion.

### **Why hasn't the school simply reduced its school fees to help parents?**

The LYC Fee Transformation Program has been specifically designed to provide greater financial choice for parents while enabling all parents to positively enhance Jewish educational outcomes for all LYC students.

The LYC Fee Transformation Program enables the school to continue to provide high quality Jewish education while addressing the implications of increasing unaffordability to our families.

Regardless of the option chosen, this program will result in a substantial saving on school fees for all parents of students in Years 7-12.

### **Does the program comply with all relevant taxation requirements?**

Yes, the program has been reviewed by the school's legal counsel and the Australian Tax Office and is being delivered with the support of the Council of Jewish Education in Schools.

### **Are donations voluntary?**

Yes. The LYC Fee Transformation Program has been specifically designed to provide greater financial choice for parents enabling all parents to positively enhance Jewish educational outcomes for all LYC students.

The program allows parents to deposit 20% of their school fees up front, which will appear on a fee statement sent to parents during term one.

Up until 15 June 2021, parents will then have the option to either have the deposit wholly or partially refunded, or for the deposit to be applied as a tax-deductible charitable donation, with donations to be acknowledged on an honour board within the school grounds.

### How can I find out more information?

We will be hosting an information session via Zoom for parents on **Wednesday 24 March** at 7:30pm. Please find registration details for this event here [www.yavneh.vic.edu.au/FTP](http://www.yavneh.vic.edu.au/FTP). Please register to attend for more information, and to have any of your questions answered.

You can also contact the school via email on [ftpqueries@yavneh.vic.edu.au](mailto:ftpqueries@yavneh.vic.edu.au). Please ensure that you leave a contact number so that our designated representative can be in touch.