

School Donations and Learning Contribution

Albany Junior High School (AJHS) prides itself on providing a rich and diverse educational environment with a wide range of experiences and teaching programmes that are responsive to the needs of our emerging adolescent. Our school of opportunities offers student wellbeing services, learning resources, literacy support, and events such as year level trips and programmes that extend and enrich learning experiences for all students.

Our Board deeply values all parent donations and contributions to the cost of providing these services and experiences, as they are *critical to our school's ability* to continue to provide these extra learning opportunities for our children and enhance the teaching and learning opportunities. *Parents can apply for a tax credit from the Inland Revenue. You can claim 33.33 cents for every dollar donated up to the lesser of 33.33% of your total donation or taxable income.*

PARENT DONATION - \$250

The 2024 school donation for AJHS has been set at \$250 for one child with a 10% reduction for siblings.

Why do we ask for a donation?

The Ministry of Education (MoE) funding that AJHS receives does not provide for the wide range of rich opportunities of educational experiences we offer. Each year the Board of Trustees requests a voluntary parent donation, which is a key component of our budget to support additional staffing ratios and other resources.

How is your donation spent?

School donations are used to assist funding for student wellbeing resources, guidance counselling and IT services. Your donation provides an extension and enrichment of the core-curriculum delivery to support teaching and learning, special learning needs, and meeting the wellbeing needs of our students.

The costs for additional activities and services cannot be entirely met by MoE funding so we appreciate your donation to 'top up' the funding required to benefit all our students. The voluntary donation of \$250 also attracts a tax credit claim - please read the following:

LEARNING CONTRIBUTION

Parent contributions for learning enable the purchase of goods and services used for specialist learning opportunities, such as online programmes, resources, experts, experiences and events.

To assist parents and caregivers with the timing of contribution costs, there will be appropriate notice given. Each activity that requires parent contribution will only be *confirmed* when we have reached the level of the overall cost. If we have cancellation, payments already made will be refunded.

LEARNING CONTRIBUTION COSTS

Year 7 and Year 8

The 2024 Learning Contribution costs will be on each student's online Kamar account. This can be paid in full or, by arrangement, set up an automatic payment between February and September with studentaccounts@ajhs.school.nz.

Year 9 & Year 10

The 2024 Learning Contribution is listed in the 2024 Option Booklet, and the costs will depend on the subjects selected. Contributions need to be paid prior to participation in the chosen subject.

If a family is experiencing financial hardship, they should contact their child's Whanau Leader, in confidence, as the school may be able to assist. Our policy is that no child shall be disadvantaged due to the inability to pay.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION FOR OPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES & ACTIVITIES:

AJHS Camps (Approx Cost)

- Year 7 Camp, Term 1 \$300
- Year 8 Camp, Term 3 \$300
- Year 9 Camp, Term 3 \$280
- Year 10 Camp, Term 4 \$415

Online Learning Programmes (Cost contribution will be on your account/via the KAMAR portal/student account statement)

Education Perfect, Reading PLUS, and Writer's Toolkit are our online programmes that can be used from home for students to enrich their learning. These programmes personalise learning progression and achievement for our students. These programmes are incorporated to provide enhancement opportunities for students to learn independently, to personalise their learning rate, and to track their own learning.

Optional Activities (Costs posted on school website or released prior to the activity)

- NZAIMS sports camps
- Sports Team Registration(s) and sport uniform
- Music lesson tuition through itinerant Music Teachers
- Extra school cultural activities approved by the senior leadership, e.g. school disco, etc.
- ICAS and Australian Mathematics Competition Test entry fees

How to pay your AJHS Donation/Contribution

Please pay your school Donation and Contribution as soon as possible to ensure that we can offer our full programme of opportunities for all our students. If you would like to pay your contribution in installments please contact studentaccounts@ajhs.school.nz.

*Through the IRD you can claim the amount that you have paid by 31 March each year, even if it is not the full amount of the donation.

The Benefit of your Donation/Contribution for your Tax Credit Claim

There is a tax credit that you are able to get which gives you back 33.33% of the donation/contribution that is paid. The school will provide you with receipt of your donation/contribution.

To be eligible for this rebate, any donation paid by 31 March each year will be given a receipt by the school in April, and you will then need to complete an IR526. See the link to the IRD website explaining this below:

[Tax Credit for Parent Donation/Contribution](#)

Internet Banking

Bank account name: Albany Junior High School

Bank number: 12-3107-0017930-00

Reference: Please include the student's initials and surname (e.g. CL Shepherd) and "DONATION" or "CONTRIBUTION".

Eftpos

Eftpos facilities are available at student accounts. Credit Card/Visa Debit Card Payment via credit card or visa debit card can be made by using the KAMAR parent portal. Log on to your students account then go to the "online fee payments" drop down box and follow the prompts for payment on the portal. Link to KAMAR portal as follows:

[\(Link to KAMAR Portal\)](#)

If you would like to pay the school donation/contribution via automatic payments, or use an existing credit on your child's account, please contact studentaccounts@ajhs.school.nz.