

FAQs about Attendance Dues

1. What are they?

Attendance dues are a legal charge, not a donation. Attendance dues are charged by the Proprietor for the property-related costs. (List of lawful expenditure).

2. What is the Proprietor?

The Proprietor is Celebration Trust. Celebration Trust owns the School on behalf of the [church](#)¹. The Proprietor is responsible to set and maintain the Special Character of the School and provide the facilities. The School Board is responsible for maintaining them.

3. How are they set?

They were set in 1997 at \$500 plus GST and have been rebated to allow for more than one child per family.

4. What have they been spent on?

In 1997 the School roll was 37 primary students and was sited in two primary classrooms, two small cottages, the principal's house, and the office. There was no sealed playground or carpark. We have removed the two cottages, purchased two houses, built six classrooms and a hall, extended the playground and developed it into a facility with a \$3million replacement value. The main expenditure now is the annual lease. The lease finances the \$1.2 million rebuild of block K to be opened in 2024 and future stages 2 and 3. The government does not fund any building at our school.

5. Will the Attendance Dues increase?

Yes. In May 2023 we announced the start of the new build and increase in Attendance Dues. In 2024 there will be an increase to \$800 for years 1-8 and \$1000 for years 9-13. However, we are offering a rebate to families who need it. The rebated attendance dues for next year are \$650 for primary and \$750 for secondary.

6. How do I apply for the rebate?

If you need the rebate next year, email heartofthenorth@hotmail.com. The family rebate will also stay in place.

7. How do we report on how the Attendance Dues are spent?

The proprietor annually submits an audited report to the Ministry of Education. This is public information and available through the Board of Trustees.

¹ <https://heartofthenorth.co.nz/>