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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In 2019, St Joseph's School Boulder is making changes to student booklists. In previous years, parents have been given a booklist and asked to either order the entire list through a supplier in Kalgoorlie, or source the individual items themselves. This has led to many students arriving for the start of the school year with incorrect or missing items, and in some cases, no school supplies at all.

In an effort to avoid this and to make the beginning of the year as smooth as possible for teachers and students, we will now be doing bulk stationery supplies, ordered by and delivered to the school. Parents will be charged a stationery levy with their school fees. This will allow teachers to organise and prepare all school supplies for every child in their class, before the beginning of the school year. Supplies will be stored in classrooms and distributed as shared resources throughout the year, as needed. Parents will not need to purchase any item during the year, as spare glues, pencils and other supplies will be supplied by the school. Parents will be charged **\$80 per child in Pre-Primary to Year Four** and **\$100 per child in Year Five and Six**.

We are also making some changes to the maths and reading programs parents have previously been charged for. We will be using free alternatives to Reading Eggs and Mathletics, so parents will no longer be charged for these, which will result in savings for all families. Reading Eggs previously cost \$25 for each child in Years 1 and 2 and Mathletics cost \$26 per child in PP to Year 6.

If you would like to continue to use Reading Eggs and Mathletics in 2019, parents can create accounts to be used at home for a fee by visiting <https://readingeggs.com.au/> and <http://au.mathletics.com/>. Other alternatives include Westpac Mathspace Essentials (<https://mathspace.co/au>) which provides a free online maths program that is Australian Curriculum aligned and very easy to use. For reading and literacy skills an alternative to Reading Eggs is Literacy Planet (<https://www.literacyplanet.com/au/home/#>). Free Rice (<https://beta.freerice.com>) is also great for practising a range of skills, including grammar, vocabulary and times tables.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the changes to the booklists for 2019, please contact Natasha Gregory to discuss.

Warm regards,

Natasha Gregory
Assistant Principal