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Dear Parents

During your son's time at Bishops he will be involved in a series of major activities which incur additional costs for parents. The purpose of this letter is to highlight those activities to allow you to plan appropriately. This list does not include activities for which your son might be **selected** during his time at Bishops as those activities vary from boy to boy.

Grade 8:

A grade 8 camp is held in the first few days of the year. In 2019 the cost was R2045.

Grade 8s start using laptops in classes from the beginning of the third quarter of each year. The cost of purchasing laptops, of software and of support is borne by parents. There is documentation about this on the [College website](#). It is difficult to predict the exact cost of the purchase, but the laptop recommended by the parent selection committee has been priced at between R12000 – R25000 **excl VAT** for a number of years now. There is a once-off technical levy of approximately R5400 which is compulsory for every boy and will be billed in the first quarter as well as an annual software charge of approximately R450.

Grade 9:

A series of camps are held at the end of the academic year. The boys may choose which camp they wish to attend, but the most popular and most expensive is the trip to the Orange River which cost parents R5000 in 2019. There are a number of much cheaper alternatives.

Grade 10:

All Grade 10s, excluding those on exchange, attend the Epic which is a 16-day adventure in the Cederberg. The cost of the Epic in 2019 was R15 600 per person, and the boys are also required to supply some of their own food for hikes and buy hiking equipment if they do not already have access to it.

Grade 11:

A leadership training camp is held in September of each year. In 2019 the cost of the camp was R1050 per person.

Grade 12:

Fees are charged over 3 terms in the matric year. In 2019 parents were also charged R2342 for the matric dance, after party, class photo and year book. Membership of the Old Diocesans (OD) Union is also offered at R5200 (2019 price) for lifetime membership.

This letter is produced at the suggestion of a parent who said it would be good to know about the major additional expenses we can reasonably predict. I hope it is of assistance to you.

Kind regards

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Principal