



Wonder of Science 'fee for service' program

Background

Prior to 2016, through generous support from organisations across Queensland, Wonder of Science (WoS) was offered free of charge to Queensland schools in rural, regional and remote locations. To cater for an increased demand for the program, as well as a reduction in funded models (given the volatile global economy) the 'fee for service' program was successfully piloted in 2016. In 2017, WoS is still attracting funding partners who support the program for specific Queensland communities, while the fee for service program is available to schools not in those catchments.

The fee is \$3500 per school (for up to 6 classes) for a term (regardless of location - when it is part of a cluster or regional group of schools).

What's included?

1. WoS challenge tasks & teacher unit overview + criteria sheets
2. Two ambassador/s visits during the term – including provision of any materials the ambassadors need during their visit
3. Attendance at the regional student conference for a representative team from each class
4. Attendance at state conference for any winning team/s
5. Extended opportunities for students through our strategic partnerships – for example, the Year 9 Avoid Island Turtle programme <http://www.wonderofscience.com.au/whats-new-1> and a new programme in 2018 for Year 6 students: Koala Camp at Aroona.

How is the fee justified?

- Young Science Ambassadors receive an Award payment and resource allowance each semester = \$1400
- Administration of the program, including recruitment, training & mobilisation of ambassadors into schools
- Travel (including hire cars for metropolitan schools as university personnel are not permitted to use their own vehicles), accommodation & meals (outside metropolitan area) for the ambassadors and WoS personnel
- Conference costs include:
 - travel and accommodation (if necessary) for the WoS team (minimum 10 per conference)
 - catering for students, teachers & WoS personnel
 - printing costs (certificates / conference materials)
 - trophies and medals are provided for winning teams
 - equipment hire
 - venue hire if university or school facilities are not available.

Hear what a leading Metropolitan Principal, James Forrest from Kimberley Park State School, has to say about the value of this program: <http://www.wonderofscience.com.au/testimonials/>

