

Facility fees Report

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IPU New Zealand charges a compulsory student services fee. This fee is called the “Facility Fee” and it covers Orientation, Internet, printing and copying, recreation Centre access, on-site health centre, careers advice service, visa application support services, general student support services including first language support, counselling access and textbooks.

2015 Financial Year

The fee for 2015 for a full-time equivalent domestic student was \$750 including GST. Income and expenditure associated with the provision of these services is separately accounted for in our accounting system. Details of the types of service and of the income and expenditure per student head for the 2015 financial year are set out in *Facility Fees Financial Year 2015*.

Consultation

As a part of the fee-setting process for 2018, a consultation meeting open to all interested students was held in early November 2016 followed by an open submission period of 10 days. Students viewed *Facility Fees Financial Year 2015* and *Proposal for 2018 Facility Fees*. In 2018 we will be removing textbooks from the compulsory student services fee and students will purchase textbooks separately on a user-pays rather than the flat fee system we have used until now. Services provided by the office in Japan to Japanese students will also be brought under the supervision of IPU New Zealand from next year, thus the *Proposal* separates out these services.

Changes

We have updated our website to have a separate page describing the Facility Fee.

In November 2016, we have also updated Institute fee setting policy (Policy Handbook 6.2.1) to bring practice into line with the Ministerial Direction on Compulsory Student Services Fees.

Indication of future movement

As indicated in our 2014-year report, in 2017 IPU New Zealand will raise the compulsory facility fee for all domestic students from \$750 to \$800. Student leaders were consulted on this change and it has been advertised in our new student prospectus. In October 2016 we consulted again with the student body re: the removal of textbooks from the compulsory “facility fee” charge and a resulting facility fee of \$700 for 2018. IPU New Zealand continues to spend more on student services than we take in revenue. We remained committed to the pastoral care of our students.