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Dear Families

Re: Interchange Outer East Prices 2018

Please find attached an updated version of the price guide for Interchange Outer East. This price guide will be applied from the 1st of January 2018. The price guide is reflective of wage increases paid to employees and is approximately 3% across all priced items.

Interchange Outer East is transitioning to the NDIS and therefore will be working on two price lists during this time. For those **who have** transitioned to the NDIS the prices are set as per the NDIS price guide. For those yet to transition, the relevant price guide is as attached.

You will note there are some variations between the NDIS price guide and the IOE list. This is due to inadequate pricing methodology used by the NDIS, and the move from block funding to fully individualised funding. Under the block funding, we have been able to adequately cover costs for required supports such as:

* Training, recruiting and screening of staff and volunteers
* Writing and reviews of behavioural support plans
* Engagement with the Restrictive Intervention Data base
* Quality accreditation and assurance
* Incident reporting and investigation
* Complaints management
* Cost of volunteers and staff on group based activities and camps
* Organisation and coordination of camps and recreation programs
* Fleet costs for group based programs
* General administration and overheads

These costs are not addressed by the NDIS prices. However, because some NDIS prices are higher than our costs we have to charge the NDIS price to recover enough income to ensure the above supports can continue.

The NDIS prices are currently being reviewed through the Productivity Commission and an independent consultancy group – we can but hope they work it out.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Regards



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