

The Smith Family's Back to School Cost Estimate January 2014

| PRIMARY SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR GIRLS | | |
|---|---|---|
| ESSENTIALS: | | |
| ITEM | COST (per annum) | SOURCE |
| Summer uniform x 3 | \$51.99 ea | www.lowes.com.au ¹ |
| Polo shirt (sport) | \$26.99 | www.lowes.com.au |
| Sports shorts/skirt | \$25.99 | www.lowes.com.au |
| Socks x 5 pairs | \$4.99 ea | www.lowes.com.au |
| Jumper/windcheater | \$30.99 | www.lowes.com.au |
| Shoes x 2 | \$30.00 ea | Big W (8/1/2014) |
| Sports shoes x 2 | \$25.00 ea | Big W (8/1/2014) |
| Hat x 2 | \$16.99 ea | www.lowes.com.au |
| Drink bottle | \$1.97 | Officeworks online (9/1/2014) |
| School Bag | \$49.99 | www.lowes.com.au |
| Basic Lunchbox | \$2.97 | Officeworks online (8/1/2014) |
| Lunch (fruit, drink, snack item i.e. yoghurt or muesli bar, sandwich) | \$3-4 per day (200 school days per year = \$597-\$796.). We estimate \$600. | Woolworths Supermarket (7/1/2014) |
| Winter Dress x 3 | \$54.99 ea | www.lowes.com.au |
| Skivvies x 3 | \$16.99 ea | www.lowes.com.au |
| Tights x 3 | \$12.95 ea | www.lowes.com.au |
| Trackies | \$24.99 | www.lowes.com.au |
| Hair Ties (generic brand) | \$2.30 | Woolworths 7/1/2014 |
| Everyday 30+ Sunscreen 75ml | \$10.50 (roll on) | Cancer council website 14/1/14 |
| Raincoat | \$19.99 | www.lowes.com.au (13/1/2014) |
| Pencil Case | \$1.38 | Officeworks ² online (7/1/2014) |
| A4 lined book x 5 | \$0.28 (48 pages per book) | Officeworks online 8/1/2014) |
| A4 Presentation Folder | \$17.23 (pack of 10) | Officeworks online (8/1/2014) |
| Pencils | \$1.97 (pack of 3) | Officeworks online (14/1/2014) |
| Pens | \$16.26 (pack of 50) | Officeworks online (14/1/2014) |
| Coloured Pencils | \$0.86 (pack of 12) | Officeworks online (8/1/2014) |
| Crayons | \$2.00 (1 pack of 12 colours) | Officeworks online (14/1/2014) |
| Markers/Highlighters | \$0.99 (pack of 4) | Officeworks online (8/1/2014) |
| Scissors | \$0.86 | Officeworks online (8/1/2014) |
| Glue Stick | \$1.00 | Officeworks online (14/1/2014) |
| Ruler | \$0.37 | Officeworks online (8/1/2014) |
| Rubbers | \$0.27 | Officeworks online (8/1/2014) |
| Box of Kleenex | \$2 (generic brand) | Woolworths 7/1/2014 |
| Laptop ³ | \$297.00 | Officeworks online (14/1/2014) |
| USB | \$3.97 | Officeworks online (13/1/2014) |
| Home Internet (TPG broadband 12 mth) | \$29.90 per mth + set-up fee(\$419.83 ⁴) | www.comparebroadband.com.au (14/1) |
| Compulsory school charges (eg: textbooks, art supplies, photocopies) | \$250 | Estimate – charges vary from school to school. |
| TOTAL: \$2,393.76 | | |
| DISCRETIONARY: | | |
| School Fees (often voluntary for financially challenged families) | \$150-\$200 pa | Estimate – fees vary |
| Excursions | \$200 pa | Estimate – costs vary |
| School Photos | \$30.00 | Estimate – costs vary |
| Home computer | \$385.00 (one off cost) | Officeworks online (14/1/2014) |
| Calculator | \$4.00 | Officeworks online (13/1/2014) |
| Geometry Set | \$4.27 | Officeworks online (13/1/2014) |
| Contact Plastic book covering | \$1.47 per roll | Officeworks online (13/1/2014) |
| Fabric Marker (labelling clothes) | \$4.50 | www.lowes.com.au (14/1) |
| Tutoring, if required | \$40-\$45 per hour | www.artofsmart.com.au |

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² All stationery items are set at lowest price-point where possible.

³ Laptops and tablets are increasingly requirements for students in their final years of primary school.

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| Polo shirt (sport) | \$26.99 | www.lowes.com.au |
| Polo shirt x 2 | \$26.99 ea | www.lowes.com.au |
| Sports shorts | \$21.99 | www.lowes.com.au |
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