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UNIVERSITY FEE PAYMENTS 2011

Many students do not understand how the University Fees are collated, so this explanation is given to assist students in their understanding. These figures relate to full-time residential fees for the year.

1. **The actual fee for each student at DWU in 2011 is K17,000.00.** This figure is calculated by all universities as the base cost to educate students for one year.
 - **Most students do not pay this actual fee,** as is listed below.
 - A number of students do pay this fee of K17,000.00 because they are overseas students, or receive company or private sponsorship
 - One Provincial Government pays full sponsorship for some students.

2. **At DWU if you are a Non Residential student enrolled in the Diploma component of a program you are asked K4796.00 for the year**
 - **If you receive HECAS, you will have paid K2096.00** and PNG Government will have paid K2700.00 for your fees
 - If you do not receive HECAS, you will have paid K4796.00 for your fees
 - **The DWU shortfall means that DWU will raise, on your behalf, K12,204.00 to pay for your fees this year.**

3. **At DWU if you are a Residential student enrolled in the Diploma component of a program you are asked K5915.00 for the year**
 - **If you receive HECAS, you will have paid K3215.00** and PNG Government will have paid K2700.00 for your fees
 - If you do not receive HECAS, you will have paid K5915.00 for your fees
 - **The DWU shortfall means that DWU will raise, on your behalf, K11,085.00 to pay for your fees this year.**

4. **At DWU if you are a Non Residential student enrolled in the Degree component of a program you are asked K5634.00 for the year**
 - **If you receive HECAS, you will have paid K2934.00** and PNG Government will have paid K2700.00 for your fees
 - If you do not receive HECAS, you will have paid K5634.00 for your fees
 - **The DWU shortfall means that DWU will raise, on your behalf, K11,366.00 to pay for your fees this year.**

5. **At DWU if you are a Residential student enrolled in the Degree component of a program you are asked K7590.00 for the year**
 - **If you receive HECAS, you will have paid K4890.00** and PNG Government will have paid K2700.00 for your fees
 - If you do not receive HECAS, you will have paid K7590.00 for your fees
 - **The DWU shortfall means that DWU will raise, on your behalf, K9410.00 to pay for your fees this year.**

6. **It is important to note that DWU raises almost double the amount for each student than what the student actually pays for themselves.**
 - This is a major attempt to assist students as DWU raises the major component of each student fees.
 - The government universities do not have to raise money in a shortfall of fees because they receive direct grants from Government to pay for the shortfall.
 - It is a myth that DWU fees are higher than those of other universities – the unit cost is the same. The other universities do not include all their costs in the stated fees.

7. **Some students receive further sponsorship from private companies and from some Provincial Governments.**
 - It has been DWU policy for many years that if sponsorship monies are received, 50% is credited against the student payment, and 50% against the DWU payment. The total money goes towards the university fees but DWU is also assisted in its task of raising money on your behalf.
 - Most Provincial Governments give only a limited payment that is significantly less than the money paid by students themselves, and certainly no where near the amount raised by the university for each student.
 - At least one Provincial Government has promised to pay student fees in the last two years and have paid nothing. Another Provincial Government have paid fees directly to the students and some students have not paid these fees to the university.
 - Morobe Provincial Government have been very good in so far that they have paid full sponsorship for some students, and for other students they have paid both the student contribution and a contribution towards the DWU shortfall.

8. DWU also attempts to **assist students by allowing students to pay by instalment.**
 - This involves a stated fee on registration at the beginning of the academic year, and the balance (normally K2700.00) by the first date of the second semester.
 - By waiting on the first date of the second semester it assists parents and relatives to raise the finance necessary. It also gives the Office of higher Education time to clarify the list of students receiving HECAS.