



Annual Fee Schedule 2025

Per Student

| Year Level | Mid-Year Reception* | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tuition Fee | \$5,780 | \$11,560 | \$11,560 | \$11,560 | \$12,490 | \$12,490 | \$12,490 |
| Resource Fee | \$550 | \$1,100 | \$1,120 | \$1,140 | \$1,210 | \$1,380 | \$1,490 |
| Total | \$6,330 | \$12,660 | \$12,680 | \$12,700 | \$13,700 | \$13,870 | \$13,980 |

| Year Level | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11** | Year 12** |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tuition Fee | \$14,540 | \$14,540 | \$14,540 | \$14,740 | \$17,300 | \$17,300 | \$17,300 |
| Resource Fee | \$3,110 | \$1,570 | \$1,920 | \$2,270 | \$2,440 | \$1,710 | \$1,650 |
| Total | \$17,650 | \$16,110 | \$16,460 | \$17,010 | \$19,740 | \$19,010 | \$18,950 |

*Mid-Year Reception fees based on a 5-day enrolment. Fees will be prorated for students attending on a 4-day or 3-day enrolment basis.

**International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme incurs an additional \$900 per year.

Tuition Fees

The tuition fee is a compulsory fee and includes all costs associated with the direct education and support for the education of your child(ren); this includes staffing and associated salary expenses and curriculum materials. The tuition fee also ensures the upkeep and improvement of the property, plant, and equipment.

Resource Fee

The resource fee is a year level compulsory fee and is inclusive of a wide range of College-based costs that meet the wider pastoral and curriculum needs of College students. This includes camps, excursions, careers, publications.

College Yearbook

The College Yearbook is a compulsory charge and added to accounts on a per family basis. Additional copies may be purchased from Strathspey Reception.

| Yearbook | Fee |
|----------------|------|
| One per family | \$50 |

Family Discount

Sibling discount on tuition fees applies for students concurrently attending Mercedes College.

| Students Concurrently Attending | Discount |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Second child | 20 per cent of tuition fee |
| Third child | 40 per cent of tuition fee |
| Fourth child | 65 per cent of tuition fee |
| Fifth child | 100 per cent of tuition fee |

Settlement Discount

A settlement discount of 3 per cent is granted when the full balance of the advance fee account is remitted to the College by COB 15 March or the first working day thereafter.

For families who commence enrolment throughout the year, the settlement discount of 3 per cent will be granted when the full fee account is remitted within 30 days of invoice date.

Additional Charges

Discretionary charges necessary to meet curriculum, music or sporting outcomes, but not undertaken by the whole year level group (and therefore excluded from the Resource Fee), are invoiced to the family account on a nomination basis.

Other activities including overseas trips and remote area camps cannot be reasonably determined at the beginning of the academic year and payment for these activities must be made via the Qkr app.

Fees apply to students enrolled in the Year 11 and Year 12 IB Diploma Programme and some SACE programs to cover costs associated with the delivery of the curriculum, such as registration, examination and moderation.

VET Courses and External Studies

Students may undertake Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses or study other subjects not offered by the college and earn credits required to achieve their SACE.

Families are responsible for the payment of any VET course or external studies.

If the VET course or external subject is undertaken as an alternative to a SACE subject offered at the college, i.e. not as additional subject, then the college will apply a credit against the family account upon delivery of an external provider tax receipt, being 25% of the course fee up to \$1,000.

Payment of Fees

Full payment of the college's fees is required by the following methods:

- Annually in advance by COB 15 March of the current year.
- By weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debit, credit card, BPay or other agreed instalments by arrangement with the Finance Department.

Fees under agreed payment plans with the college must be cleared in full by 30 November of that year.

Where fees remain outstanding beyond the due date and no agreed payment arrangement is in place, or if under an agreed payment arrangement there is a repeated demonstration of non-payment, the account will be placed in credit management and, if necessary, passed to the college's commercial debt collection agency, which may be directed to:

- Refer your account to solicitors.
- Take court action to recover fees.

In addition, at the Principal's discretion the student will not be eligible to attend major school trips and the college may choose not to hold a continued enrolment place for the student and/or administer student records.

The college's policy is that one account is issued to the family who signed the enrolment contract and families are expected to make their own private arrangements for payment. A family member is not able to 'remove' themselves from the enrolment contract without the college and other signatory's consent.

Student Withdrawal

If a student is to leave the college, the family agrees to give written notice to the Principal:

- No later than one term's notice of which the student intends to leave.
- If the family fails to comply, the family will pay or forfeit to the college (as the case may be) one term of the annual fee in lieu of notice.

Financial Hardship

The college remains committed to providing opportunities for all students to benefit from a Mercedes College education and will support families who have a genuine financial need and who, within their financial capacity, demonstrate a real commitment to the college.

A Fee Support Application form is available by contacting the Family Liaison Officer, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on 8372 3221.

The College will continue to support families whose level of income allows eligibility for the State Government School Card Scheme.

Building Fund

The college has a Building Fund to which families may make voluntary, tax-deductible contributions.

Donations to the Mercedes College Building Fund can be made securely through the Qkr app. Details on how to download the Qkr app are available on the college website and SEQTA Engage.

Fee Policy

For further information about the Fee Policy, please visit mercedes.catholic.edu.au or SEQTA Engage.

General Enquiries

For further information or general enquiries regarding fees or any other charges please contact:

- Family Liaison Officer on 8372 3221
- SEQTA Engage direct message
- accountqueries@mercedes.catholic.edu.au