



**MERCEDES
COLLEGE**

Compassion
Loyalty
Justice
Integrity
Responsibility
Mutual Respect

Annual Fee Schedule 2023

Per Student

Year level	Mid-Year Reception*	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Tuition Fee	\$4,500	\$9,015	\$9,015	\$9,015	\$9,920	\$9,920	\$9,920
Resource Fee	\$445	\$850	\$870	\$895	\$905	\$895	\$1,120
Total Tuition Fees	\$4,945	\$9,865	\$9,885	\$9,910	\$10,825	\$10,815	\$11,040

Year level	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11**	Year 12**
Tuition Fee	\$11,905	\$11,905	\$11,905	\$12,105	\$14,585	\$14,585	\$14,585
Resource Fee	\$2,600	\$1,245	\$1,455	\$1,605	\$2,060	\$1,360	\$1,325
Total Tuition Fees	\$14,505	\$13,150	\$13,360	\$13,710	\$16,645	\$15,945	\$15,910

*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.
**IB Diploma Programme incurs additional \$850 per year.

Per Family

Students Concurrently Attending	Capital Levy	Yearbook	Fee
One child	\$2,110	One per family	\$50
Two children	\$2,750		
Three or more children	\$2,995		

Tuition Fees

The Tuition Fee covers operational costs and resources of the College that are not met by the Australian and State Government funding.

All tuition fees are to remain fixed throughout the year. Ongoing enrolment at Mercedes College indicates a parents/caregivers acceptance of the Annual Fee Schedule.

Family Discount

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

Students Concurrently Attending	Discount
Second child	15% of tuition fee
Third child	30% of tuition fee
Fourth child	60% of tuition fee
Fifth child	100% of tuition fee

Resource Fee

The Resource Fee covers all compulsory based year level activities, excursions and camps that students must undertake as part of the curriculum. In addition, the Resource Fee covers classroom and curriculum support materials and ICT requirements.

The Canberra Trip has been included for Year 6 students as part of the Resource Fee.

Capital Levy

The Capital Levy is a compulsory levy which is not tax deductible.

Settlement Discount

A settlement discount of 5% is granted when the full balance of the advance fee account is remitted to the College by close of business on 30 November, or the first working day thereafter.

For parents/caregivers who commence enrolment throughout the year, the settlement discount of 5% will be granted when the full fee account is remitted within 30 days of invoice date.

College Yearbook

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

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 through The College Shop upon notification.

Fees apply to students enrolled in the Year 11 and Year 12 IB Diploma and SACE Programme 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.

Parents/Caregivers 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 30 November 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 the following 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 parents/caregivers who signed the enrolment contract and parents/caregivers are expected to make their own private arrangements for payment. A parent/caregiver is not able to 'remove' themselves from the enrolment contract without the College's and other parent/caregiver's consent.

Student Withdrawal

If a student is to leave the College, the parents/caregivers agree to give written notice to the Principal:

- No later than one term's notice of which the student intends to leave.

If the parents/caregivers fail to comply, the parents/caregivers 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 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 on SEQTA Engage or contact the Finance Department 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 parents/caregivers 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 the College website 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: 8372 3221
- SEQTA Engage direct message
- Email: accountqueries@mercedes.catholic.edu.au