

# 2023 Fee Information

## Student Fees Payable

### Enrolment Deposit

A non-refundable deposit is required to accept the offer of a placement at the College:

- Pre- Kinder \$200
- Kinder \$200
- New Student – Prep to Year 11 \$300

The amount paid at the time of accepting a placement offer will be credited towards the fees in the first year of enrolment when invoices are generated for that year.

### Tuition Fees

It is Creek Street Christian College's policy to set its fees at a level that is affordable to most families within our community, while also providing sufficient resources and quality staff to provide the excellent level of education Creek Street Christian College is known for. Each year the fees are reviewed and whilst the College Council endeavours to keep fee increases to a minimum, it is mindful that education costs continue to increase.

Creek Street Christian College is an independent school and, like many independent schools, receives Government funding. Government funding paid to independent schools is considerably less than funds given to public schools, so to make up for this gap, independent schools charge fees for the education of their students.

### Year Level Levy

The Year Level Levy includes contributions towards class sets of educational materials, consumables, equipment, technology, digital textbooks, online subscriptions, incursions, excursions and camps that are relevant to that year level and enables students to participate in co-curricular activities without the inconvenience of additional minor expenses throughout the year. In Secondary year levels, this also includes the costs of electives, VCE and VET subjects which represent higher costs than in Primary Year Levels.

This levy is not adjusted for late entry during the school year, and whilst this includes the cost of camps and excursions, refunds do not apply for non-attendance of these events as arrangements and bookings are usually put in place early in the year to ensure costs can be kept to a minimum.

### Camps

Creek Street Christian College's camps program operates on a two year cycle. The year levels indicated by an \* asterisk in the Fee Table below go on a major camp during this year which represents a portion of that years levy. Other year levels will have smaller camp/s this year and attend a major camp in the following year. There are no additional charges for camps or excursions at the time students go on the camp.

### Payment due dates

Fees are payable in advance in 4 instalments on the following dates:

- Term 1 fees 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Term 2 fees 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Term 3 fees 24<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 4 fees 9<sup>th</sup> October

## 2023 Student Fees Payable & included camps

Year level	Annual Tuition Fee	+	Annual Year Level Levy	=	Total Annual Fees	Total Fees Per Term
<b>Early Learning Centre</b>						
Pre Kinder (3 YO)	\$1,905	+	\$250	=	\$2,155	\$539
Kinder (4 YO)	\$2,730	+	\$360	=	\$3,090	\$772
<b>Primary Year Levels</b>						
Prep	\$3,135	+	\$540	=	\$3,675	\$919
Year 1	\$3,290	+	\$540	=	\$3,830	\$958
Year 2	\$3,290	+	\$615	=	\$3,905	\$976
Year 3	\$3,290	+	\$590	=	\$3,880	\$970
Year 4	\$3,290	+	\$565	=	\$3,855	\$964
Year 5 *	\$3,290	+	\$875*	=	\$4,165	\$1,041
Year 6 *	\$3,290	+	\$875*	=	\$4,165	\$1,041
<b>Secondary Year Levels</b>						
Year 7	\$3,685	+	\$1,120	=	\$4,805	\$1,201
Year 8	\$3,685	+	\$1,120	=	\$4,805	\$1,201
Year 9 *	\$3,845	+	\$1,770*	=	\$5,615	\$1,404
Year 10 * #	\$3,845	+	\$1,770*	=	\$5,615	\$1,404
Year 11	\$3,890	+	\$1,385	=	\$5,275	\$1,319
Year 12	\$3,890	+	\$1,385	=	\$5,275	\$1,319

\* See information above on camps.

# VCE Subjects – Students electing to study Units 1 & 2 of a VCE subject in Year 10 will incur an additional fee as indicated in the Electives Booklet.

## Family Levies

### **Parent Service Levy**

In prior years the College has charged a Parent Service Levy, with the option for parents to contribute time to the College in lieu of payment. This has been particularly challenging over the past couple of years with government mandated access regulations restricting much of the opportunity for parent involvement.

This year we have been very pleased to be able to welcome our parent community back into the College to participate and assist with activities related to their children. For the 2023 year and beyond we will not be charging a Parent Service Levy.

### **Building Fund Donations**

The College operates a Building Fund to upgrade and maintain its facilities in order to provide quality facilities that enhance the education of the students. Families have generously donated to the college in the past which has assisted in the development and improvement of our facilities over the past 40 years since the College opened its doors. Our recently completed IB Building is a fantastic addition to the facilities available to our students, and we will need to continue to develop our site as the College expands. The College Council anticipates that families and their children will experience the benefit of these upgrades and invites families to donate to the fund.

At the commencement of the 2023 year, the College will send a separate invoice to each family to facilitate a donation to the fund. Donations are voluntary, and the invoice you will receive will be valued at \$150 per family to reflect a minimum value we would encourage families to contribute. For any families that generously donate in excess of

\$150, the College will provide an updated invoice. All donations over \$2 paid to the building fund are fully tax deductible and funds are used for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining the College facilities.

## **Discounts**

As a Christian community, the College believes in supporting its families and offers a range of discounts on tuition fees for families who pay fees by the due date.

### **Sibling discounts**

The sibling discount will be applied to tuition fees only. The oldest child is the first child in the family.

Discount for students in Year Prep to Year 12

- Second child in family \$450 per year
- Third child in family \$900 per year
- Fourth & subsequent child in family No Tuition Fee – only Year Level Levy payable

Discount for students in Kinder Program

The College receives limited funding for the Kinder program, so is unable to offer a discount for a second or third child who is a Kinder student. However, if the fourth or subsequent child of a family is in Kinder, then No Tuition fees for Kinder will apply.

### **Annual payment Discount**

Annual fees paid in full by 28th February receive a discount of \$150 per student which will be applied to tuition fees.

### **Supplementary Discounts**

The following discounts are non-accumulative and will be applied to Tuition Fees after Sibling and Annual Payment discounts have been applied and will only apply if payments are made by the due dates.

- **Commonwealth Health Care Card & CSEF**

Low-income families holding a Commonwealth Health Care Card (Child cards are not eligible) will receive 7% discount on tuition fees only (excludes year level levy).

Health Care Card holders are also eligible to receive CSEF Funding (Camps, Sports, Excursions Funding) from the Government. The CSEF provides payments to the College for eligible students to attend activities such as school camps, swimming and school organised sports programs, excursions and incursions. Health Care Card Holders are eligible. Applications can be found on our website, or copies are available from the College Administration Office. **Applications close by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June for this year.** Applications received after this date will not be eligible for the funding. Indicative rates are: Primary student rebate: \$125, Secondary student rebate: \$225. Once funding has been approved by the Victorian Government the College will reduce the remaining year level levy component of your fees and provide you with amended invoices to reflect the lower fee value.

- **Members of Creek Street Church**

Members of Creek Street Church who attend services regularly will receive a 7% discount on tuition fees only (excludes year level levy).

- **Ministers**

Ministers, Pastors and Missionary workers, please contact Glenn Coulson.

### **Conveyance Allowance**

Families who live more than 4.8 kilometres from the school, may be eligible to receive a government travel subsidy. Amounts payable vary based on the distance you are from the College. Application forms are available by contacting Glenn Coulson for an electronic form, or hard copy from the College Administration Office. Following receipt of the funds each term, the College will deposit your entitlement directly to your nominated bank account.

# **Payment of Fees & Levies**

## **Payment Options**

The College's preferred payment option is **direct debit**. Our new electronic forms are available by emailing Glenn Coulson. The forms provide options to select weekly, fortnightly or monthly contributions.

Other payment options are:

- Bank Transfer      BSB 633 000 Account 107 214 751. Reference – Invoice number only
- EFTPOS              Payments can be made in person at the College Administration Office
- Cash                  Payments can be made in person at the College Administration Office
- Invoice Pay Now    Option on the invoice to View and pay online now

## **Late Enrolees**

Late enrolees will be required to pay Tuition Fees equivalent to the time they are attending the College in that year. For example: Enrolments beginning in Term 3 will be charged half of the Annual Tuition Fees. They will also be required to pay the Year Level Levy in full along with all family levies applicable in that year.

## **Notice Period Leaving College**

One full term's notice is required when a student leaves the college. If a term's notice is not given, payment of a term's tuition fees will be required. Year Level levies applicable for that year will be required to be paid in full regardless of when the student leaves the college.

## **Overdue Payments**

The College relies on payments being made on time to provide a high quality education for your children. If for some reason you are unable to make payment by the due date, please make contact with the College Administration Office to arrange a meeting time with the Business Manager to discuss your options. Overdue amounts that have not had alternate arrangements made with the Business Manager will attract an administration fee of \$50 per month. If non-payment of account results in the account being referred to a debt collection agency, all additional fees and charges will be charged to the parents.

Please note non-payment of fees may jeopardize your child's position and any sibling's future enrolment in the College.

## **Financial Hardship**

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please make contact with the College Administration Office to arrange a meeting with the Business Manager. The College can discuss interim financial hardship measures based on demonstrated need for assistance. The amount of assistance offered is subject to management approval and limited to a maximum portion of tuition fees.

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