

# 2024 Fee Schedule

## Introduction

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.

Please direct all enquiries to the Finance Department by emailing: [accounts@creekstreet.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@creekstreet.vic.edu.au)

## 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 12 \$300

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

## 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, 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.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Term 3 fees 26<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 4 fees 11<sup>th</sup> October

***It is the expectation that all outstanding fee amounts are to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> November of each school year.***

## 2024 Student Fees schedule - summary

	Annual Tuition Fee	+	Annual Year Level Levy	=	Total Annual Fees		Total Fees per fortnight
<b>Early Learning Centre</b>							
Pre Kinder (3yo)	\$ 1,980.00	+	\$ 210.00	=	\$ 2,190.00		\$ 84.23
Kinder (4yo)	\$ 2,840.00	+	\$ 345.00	=	\$ 3,185.00		\$ 122.50
<b>Junior Primary College</b>							
Prep	\$ 3,260.00	+	\$ 565.50	=	\$ 3,825.50		\$ 147.13
Year 1	\$ 3,420.00	+	\$ 449.50	=	\$ 3,869.50		\$ 148.83
Year 2	\$ 3,420.00	+	\$ 657.00	=	\$ 4,077.00		\$ 156.81
Year 3	\$ 3,420.00	+	\$ 706.50	=	\$ 4,126.50		\$ 158.71
<b>Senior Primary College</b>							
Year 4	\$ 3,420.00	+	\$ 697.50	=	\$ 4,117.50		\$ 158.37
Year 5	\$ 3,420.00	+	\$ 997.50	=	\$ 4,417.50		\$ 169.90
Year 6	\$ 3,420.00	+	\$ 997.50	=	\$ 4,417.50		\$ 169.90
<b>Junior Secondary College</b>							
Year 7	\$ 3,830.00	+	\$ 1,253.00	=	\$ 5,083.00		\$ 195.50
Year 8	\$ 3,830.00	+	\$ 1,263.00	=	\$ 5,093.00		\$ 195.88
Year 9	\$ 4,000.00	+	\$ 1,533.00	=	\$ 5,533.00		\$ 212.81
<b>Senior Secondary College</b>							
Year 10	\$ 4,000.00	+	\$ 1,483.00	=	\$ 5,483.00		\$ 210.88
Year 11	\$ 4,045.00	+	\$ 1,577.00	=	\$ 5,622.00		\$ 216.23
Year 12	\$ 4,045.00	+	\$ 1,577.00	=	\$ 5,622.00		\$ 216.23

### Sibling discounts

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

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 sibling discount for second or third child. However, if the fourth or subsequent child of a family is in Kinder, then No Tuition fees for Kinder will apply.

### Building Fund Donations

The College operates a Building Fund to upgrade and maintain its facilities 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. The College Council anticipates that families see the benefit of these upgrades and invites each family to donate a minimum of \$150 to this fund.

All donations over \$2 paid to the building fund before 30<sup>th</sup> June will enable you to claim the tax deduction for the current financial year and funds are used specifically for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining the College facilities.

### Library Fund Donations

Donations of any amount over \$2 to the Library Fund before 30<sup>th</sup> June within the current financial year are **tax deductible** and are used to purchase Christian material. College Council invites families to donate a minimum of \$10 per year to the Library Fund.

## **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.

The College will not apply a fee discount due to student absence or family holidays.

### **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. Please note any subsequent fee increases during the year will still be payable.

### **Additional discounts available**

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**

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

- **CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (Government subsidy)**

The CSEF provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps, swimming and school organised sports programs, excursions, and incursions.

Current holders of a valid Health Care Card are eligible to receive CSEF Funding from the government. Once funding has been approved by the State Government the College will reduce the Year Level Levies component of your fees and provide you with amended invoices reflecting these changes.

Application forms are available by contacting the Finance Department.

**Applications close end of June each year.** Applications received after this date will not be eligible for this funding.

Indicative rates are:

- Primary student rebate: \$125, Secondary student rebate: \$225.

- **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 may apply for the Ministers discount. Please contact the Finance Department to request an application form.

### **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 the Finance Department.

***The Conveyance form is required to be completed on an annual basis.***

Public transport applications must include proof that a half-yearly or yearly Victorian Student pass has been purchased before processing of a refund occurs.

Once funds have been received, the College will deposit your entitlement directly into your nominated account. If the College does not have these details, an email will be sent requesting these details.

# Payment of Fees & Levies

## Payment Options

The College's preferred payment option is **direct debit**. Our Direct Debit plan forms are available by emailing the Finance department. These forms provide options for setting up weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payments.

Other payment options are:

- Direct Credit  
Account Name: Creek Street Christian College  
BSB 633 000 Account 107 214 751  
**Important: Please quote Invoice Number (Preferable option)**
- EFTPOS or Cash  
Payments can be made in person at the College Administration Office.

## Late Enrolees

Late enrolees will be required to pay Tuition Fees equivalent to the time they are attending the College in that year. eg. Enrolments beginning in Term 3 will be charged half of the Annual Tuition Fees.

**The full amount of the students Year Level Levy along with all family levies applicable in that year will be charged.**

## Adequate Notice Period for 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 and Family 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.

Families experiencing difficulty resulting in not being able to make payment by the due date, are asked to contact the Finance Department immediately.

Overdue amounts that have not had alternate arrangements made with the Finance Department **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, families will also be responsible for all associated costs.

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

## Financial Hardship

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please make contact with the Finance department to arrange a meeting with the Principal and Business Manager. Within this meeting interim financial hardship measures based on demonstrated need for assistance can be discussed. The amount of assistance offered is subject to College Council approval and limited to a maximum portion of tuition fees.

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