

2020 College Fees

ENROLMENT

The following charges apply to the enrolment process:

Enrolment Application

A \$60.00 Administration Fee is to accompany the Enrolment Application/s for your child/ren. When received, this will become your 'priority date' on our enrolment application list.

Enrolment Acceptance Bond

An Enrolment Acceptance Bond of \$300.00 per student is required to be paid at the time of accepting an offer of a place at the College. This bond will confirm the student's enrolment and will be refunded in full when the student leaves the College, provided that appropriate notice of withdrawal (one term) is given and all outstanding monies are paid in full. Should the bond be paid and the student's enrolment be cancelled, before commencing at the College, the bond will be forfeited.

FEES

Annual Tuition Fees

Lower Primary	Years T-3	\$3,106.00
Upper Primary	Years 4-5	\$3,257.00
Middle School	Year 6	\$4,112.00
Middle School	Year 7	\$4,784.00
Middle/Senior School	Years 8-10	\$6,146.00
Middle/Senior School	Years 11-12	\$6,248.00

Fees cover the cost of tuition, most curricular excursions and camps and swimming program fees. Fees do not include private instrument tuition.

Parents will be asked to pay for the Senior School calculator, replacement stationery, non-compulsory school sport (usually after hours), special school performances, extra curricular activities such as Pedal Prix, non-compulsory overseas and interstate trips and a contribution towards transport costs for any other off campus non-compulsory activities.

Sibling Discounts

20% for the second child, 35% for the third child and 75% for the fourth and subsequent children. The oldest child is treated as child one for the purpose of calculating sibling discounts. Siblings are students enrolled by the same parents/caregivers responsible for the payment of fees.

Year 6 Canberra Fee

All students in Year 6 are required to attend a Federal Government subsidised trip to Canberra as part of their formal education program in that year. The cost of this camp is \$600.00 per student, which is in addition to the tuition fee, is invoiced at the beginning of the year and will appear separately on the annual statement. Payment is compulsory and is non-refundable.

VET and Career Acceleration Program (CAP) Tuition Fees

Senior School students who are absent from the College for one or more days each week due to VET or the Career Acceleration Program are still counted as full time students. This is due to the significant amount of time required by staff at the College to arrange and manage the programs for each student. As such, VET and Career Acceleration Program students will be invoiced the full tuition fee.

LEVIES

In addition to tuition fees the College charges the following levies:

ICT Levy

An annual ICT levy of \$100.00 per Primary student and \$230.00 per Middle/Senior student is payable.

This levy enables the College to develop and maintain the infrastructure necessary to provide reliable and efficient network connections for the student devices and other networked devices.

This levy will appear separately on the annual statement.

Inter-Campus Bus Fee

The College provides a heavily subsidised bus service between the three campuses to assist parents in getting their children to and from school.

Preference is given to parents with children attending different campuses to facilitate a single campus drop off and pick up. Parents wishing to use this service will be required to pay the appropriate intercampus fare and students will be required to present a pass in order to get on the bus. Please contact the College Office if you wish to use this service. Cost is per term and is not adjusted if bus is not required every day or for reduced portion of the term.

One trip per day, morning or afternoon per term \$80.00 inc. GST

Two trips per day, morning and afternoon per term \$160.00 inc. GST

Building Fund Donation

A tax deductible voluntary building fund donation of \$200.00 per family is included on the annual statement. Whilst voluntary, parents are asked to give consideration to supporting the future development of facilities in the College by paying the levy.

PAYMENT

Payment of Fees and Charges

Fees and charges are levied for the full year at the beginning of the school year.

There are **two main** payment options:

1. Parents may elect to pay the full year in advance for which there is a discount of 3% on the tuition fee if paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit or 1.5% if paid by credit card.
This discount applies only if fees are paid in full by **9 April 2020**.
2. Payment over the school year by direct debit agreement through the College's PaySmart system.
3. **Any other method of payment requires the approval of the Finance Office.**

Year 12 student programs finish prior to other year levels. This is the result of the completion of a full year tuition program and the full year's fee is still required to be paid.

Account in Good Standing

An account is in 'good standing' when:

- All fees and charges are paid in full at the beginning of each year or at any other time that the student commences at the College; or
- There is a direct debit agreement in place which covers the fees over a whole year and there have been no breaches in that agreement; or
- Another approved arrangement is in place and there have been no breaches in that arrangement.

Students are not eligible to participate in extra curricular activities such as camps and excursions unless the account is in 'good standing'.

Where an account is not in 'good standing' action will be taken to rectify the situation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Students in Years 6 - 12 are expected to bring their own computing device to school every day. BYOD is designed to provide students and families the freedom to make technology choices that suit their circumstances. Device Specifications are available on the College website.

Temporary Fee Assistance (TFA)

Good Shepherd Lutheran College attempts to keep fees affordable and consistent with other non-government schools in Darwin. However, it is recognised that some parents may find it difficult to meet the cost of sending their children to the College. Parents who feel the fees are beyond their means may qualify for TFA. Application forms are available from the College Office and website. Parents are encouraged to contact the College before contemplating withdrawal from the school.