



MERCEDES COLLEGE

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SCHEDULE OF FEES & CHARGES AND TERMS & CONDITIONS From 1 January 2009

*The College reserves the right to alter Fees & Charges and Terms & Conditions
without prior notice as circumstances require*

The College will charge the GST where applicable

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INTRODUCTION

All parents who choose to send their children to a Catholic school are required to pay fees. The level of fees varies from year to year and payment cannot be deferred beyond the due date without prior agreement with the College.

All fees are annual amounts but are payable by three (3) equal instalments, with accounts being issued in February, May and August. These fees and charges have been set after taking into account the level of per capita funding provided by the Australian and State governments.

	Annual Amount	Instalment Amount
TUITION FEE (per student) Years 7 - 12	4320.00	1440.00
LEARNING AREA CHARGES (per student)		
<u>The Arts</u>		
Art		
Year 7	27.00	9.00
Year 8 (one semester only)	27.00	27.00
Year 12	96.00	32.00
Art & Design		
Years 9 - 10	54.00	18.00
Year 12	96.00	32.00
Dimensional Design		
Year 11	96.00	32.00
Drama		
Year 7	15.00	5.00
Year 8 (one semester only)	15.00	15.00
Years 9 - 10 (2 periods/week)	30.00	10.00
Year 10 (4 periods/week)	36.00	12.00
Years 11 - 12 (5 periods/week)	45.00	15.00
Media/Media Production & Analysis		
Years 9 - 10 (2 periods/week)	84.00	28.00
Year 10 (4 periods/week)	90.00	30.00
Years 11 - 12 (5 periods/week)	96.00	32.00
Visual Arts		
Years 9 -10	54.00	18.00
Year 11	96.00	32.00
<u>Health & Physical Education</u>		
Physical Education Studies		
Years 9 - 10 (2 periods/week)	120.00	40.00
Year 10 (4 periods/week)	120.00	40.00
Years 11 - 12 (5 periods/weeks)	60.00	20.00
<u>Technology & Enterprise</u>		
Caring for Children		
Year 9	60.00	20.00
Children, Family & the Community		
Year 11	72.00	24.00
Clothing & Fabrics		
Year 8 (one semester only)	28.00	28.00
Years 9 - 10	51.00	17.00
Early Childhood Studies		
Year 12	72.00	28.00
Food & Nutrition		
Year 7 (one semester only)	30.00	30.00
Year 8 (one semester only)	50.00	50.00
Years 9 - 10	114.00	38.00
Food Science & Technology		
Years 11 - 12	162.00	54.00
Leisure for Living		
Year 10	81.00	27.00
Materials, Design & Technology		
Years 11 - 12	72.00	24.00
Textiles		
Year 7 (one semester only)	15.00	15.00

BUILDING LEVY

This levy is being introduced to assist with the capital development of new learning facilities, and major refurbishment of existing facilities. It will be levied per family and for 2009 will be \$500 per annum. The levy will appear on the February and August statements, 50% billed at each time.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEVY

This levy is being introduced to partially offset the cost of providing information and communication technology across all learning areas. The levy will be per family, and for 2009 will be set at \$165. One third of this amount will appear on each of the three billing statements we forward to you.

EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

In addition to the fees opposite, during the course of the year there will be other subject/year group based excursions and activities. The Pastoral Care Levy is designed to cover the majority of these activities and is billed on the first account each year. Traditionally, this annual levy will range between \$60 to \$80 per student.

ENROLMENT APPLICATION FEE

A non refundable Enrolment Application Fee of \$55.00 (GST inclusive) is payable for each child registered for enrolment.

ENROLMENT ACCEPTANCE FEE

A non refundable Enrolment Acceptance Fee of \$600.00 is payable within six (6) weeks of acceptance of the offer of a place at the College and will be credited to your first account.

Subsequent to the completion of enrolment formalities, should parents find it necessary to withdraw their acceptance of our offer of a place, the following arrangements will apply to the Enrolment Acceptance Fee:

Notification of withdrawal received prior to 31 August	50% refund of fee paid.
Notification of withdrawal received after 31 August	No refund of fee paid.

COLLEGE ANNUAL

The College Annual is published at the end of each school year. It is a chronicle of the many and varied activities of the year and is issued to the youngest daughter in each family. The cost of the Annual for 2009 is estimated to be \$50.00 plus GST and will be charged on the August account.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Each family automatically becomes a member of the Parents & Friends Association when their daughter commences study at the College. The current Parents & Friends Association levy is \$48.00 per year (instalment amount \$16.00) and will be charged to your account.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

A comprehensive Instrumental Music Programme is offered, with students participating in 1:1 lessons with their music tutor. The programme consists of 32 half hour lessons and the cost for 2009 is \$840.00 (instalment amount \$280.00). However, for students studying Music as a TEE subject in Years 11 and 12, the programme will consist of 32 one hour lessons, at a cost of \$1,680.00 (instalment amount \$560.00). Instrument hire costs vary and commence at \$144.00 per year (instalment amount \$48.00). Further information about the programme can be obtained from the Music Co-ordinator.

SPEECH

Group lessons in the Art of Speech are available at a cost of \$438.00 per year (instalment amount \$146.00). Further information about the programme can be obtained from the Speech Tutor.

INSTEP

This vocational based programme is available to Year 11 and 12 students. The costs associated with this programme for 2009 are as follows:

Application Fee	\$55.00	Introduction to VET	\$40.00	Programme Fee	\$230.00
				(Per Placement)	

TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

In the event that parents find it necessary to withdraw their daughter(s) from the College, three months prior written notice should be forwarded to the Principal. Should the required written notice not be given, the College reserves the right to charge a tuition fee instalment in lieu of such notice.

INSURANCE

The College has in place a Personal Accident Insurance policy which provides a limited range of capital benefits dependent upon the nature and extent of injury. Please be aware this policy only covers non medicare items e.g. services provided by Doctors cannot be claimed. This cover extends to all school based excursions and activities irrespective of the time of day or day of the year. However the College cannot accept responsibility for loss of or damage to personal effects and property, or liability incurred by students for property damage.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts are issued three times per year and are payable by the due date nominated on the account. In the event that parents are unable to meet this requirement they should contact the Principal or Bursar prior to the due date to explain their circumstances. Any family not able to pay by the due date will need to commit to a regular payment schedule. The College's strong preference is for payment by Direct Debit and authority forms are available from Administration.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payment can be made by any one of the following methods:

Cheque, Money Order, Cash, Credit Card (MasterCard, Visa & American Express) or Direct Debit. Credit card payments can be made in person, by telephone or through written instructions.

CATHERINE MCAULEY BURSARY PROGRAMME

A limited number of bursaries are available to assist families in genuine financial hardship. Please contact the Principal's Personal Assistant if you require an application form.

SIBLING REBATE

When two or more daughters from the same family are enrolled at the same time a sibling rebate will automatically be applied. The first student pays full fees, the second student receives a 10% tuition fee discount and the third and subsequent student(s) receive a 20% tuition fee discount.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

The Australian Government, through Centrelink, provides assistance to families with the following three programs:

	<u>Telephone</u>
Youth Allowance / Austudy	13 24 90
Abstudy	13 23 17
Assistance for Isolated Children	13 23 18

Further information and application forms can be obtained by contacting Centrelink on the above telephone numbers.

STATE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

The State Government provides assistance to families through the Secondary Assistance Scheme. This scheme is administered by the Department of Education & Training and is generally available to parents with daughters enrolled in years 8-12 and who have one of the following cards:

Centrelink	- Pensioner Concession Card
Centrelink	- Health Care Card
Department of Veterans Affairs	- Pensioner Concession Card

Application forms are available from the College administration and should be completed as soon as possible after the commencement of the school year. The scheme closes on the last day of term one (Thursday 9 April, 2009) and the Department of Education & Training will not accept applications after this date.