

# 2025 TUITION FEES

## ENROLMENT APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable fee of \$110 (inc. GST) is payable on registration.

## ENROLMENT ACCEPTANCE FEE (Year 7–12)

A non-refundable Enrolment Acceptance Fee of \$1000 is payable within [4] 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 the enrolment process, should parents find it necessary to withdraw their Acceptance, the Enrolment Acceptance Fee will not be refunded.

## 2025 ANNUAL TUITION FEES AND CHARGES

In determining the 2025 tuition fees, the College Finance Committee and Advisory Council were very conscious of the need to set fees at a level that provides the College with the essential income to meet its ongoing financial commitments now and into the future. We have managed to keep the required increase to a minimum and below the current CPI with 4.3% overall as listed below. This Tuition fee incorporates items which are an integral part of the curriculum, charged separately in prior years.

Year	Tuition Fee*	Building Levy	Information Technology Levy	P&F Levy	Activity/Camp
7	\$11,802	\$1,200	\$540	\$80	\$70
8					-
9					\$320
10					-
11					\$310
12					-

\*Subject Electives are not covered by the Tuition Fee

A Pastoral Care Levy and a separate Reflection Day charge of between \$50 to \$170 per students will also be charged to cover year group excursions and activities.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS AND METHODS

An annual charge for tuition fees and charges is raised at the start of the year.

The College offers the following payment options (all accounts are to be finalised by 23 November 2024):

Option 1	Annual payment	Paid in full by Feb 2025	Credit Card or Direct Bank Transfer
Option 2	3 instalments	19 Feb, 19 May and 19 August 2025	Can ONLY be paid via Direct Debit/ credit Card Scheme (details to be provided for automatic processing)
Option 3	10 monthly instalments	28 Feb–28 Nov 2025	
Option 4	20 fortnightly instalments	14 Feb - 7 Nov 2025	

## PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Current instalment plans of 12 monthly instalments and 26 fortnightly instalments may remain in place. In the event families are unable to meet this requirement, please contact the Principal or Business Manager prior to the due date to discuss payment arrangements.

## SIBLING REBATE

A sibling rebate will apply when two or more daughters are enrolled at the College. 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.

## BUILDING LEVY

A compulsory levy of \$1200 per annum is charged per family. It assists with the capital development of new learning facilities and major refurbishment of existing facilities.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEVY

A levy of \$540 per annum is charged per family. It partially offsets the costs of providing information and communication technology across all learning areas.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

A comprehensive program is offered to students in a one-on-one lesson with a music tutor. The program costs \$1440 and consists of 32 half hour lessons. Students studying Music as a WACE subject in Years 11/12 please refer to the Music Handbook for fee information.

Instrument hire costs vary and commence at \$350 per annum. For more information please email the Director of Music at [music@mercedes.wa.edu.au](mailto:music@mercedes.wa.edu.au)

## PARENTS & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION (P&F)

Each family is admitted as a member of the P&F when their daughter commences at the College. A levy of \$80 per annum will be charged to your account.

## NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

College policy requires three [3] months of written notice be given to the Principal.

## LATE PAYMENTS

While the College is supportive of families who find themselves in difficult circumstances, the College rigorously follows up on all overdue accounts. This is done to ensure fairness to families who do pay fees in accordance with the College's fee policy. Debt costs incurred by the College in recovering outstanding fees will be charged to the account.

Students will not be eligible to participate in optional excursions and tours if the school fees account is in arrears.

## FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The College offers short-term financial support to families in the form of the Catherine McAuley Bursary or Financial Hardship Concession. Applications will be assessed on an individual basis. Bursaries and Concessions are granted on the tuition fee component only and all other fees and charges are to be paid in full and by the end of the year. Please contact the Business Manager to obtain a form.

## 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 (services provided by Doctors cannot be claimed). This cover extends to all school based excursions and activities throughout the year. The College cannot accept responsibility for loss of, or damage to personal effects and property, or liability incurred by students for property damage.

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Information regarding Australian Government Assistance can be obtained from the relevant agency:

- Youth Allowance – Centrelink 13 24 90
- Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme – Centrelink 13 23 18
- Child Care Subsidy – Centrelink 13 61 50
- Secondary Education Allowance – Mercedes College Registrar 9323 1323 (Deadline Friday 11 April 2025)

