



## FEE SCHEDULE

### FINANCIAL & ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Mildura Christian College is a non-profit ministry. It is committed to maintaining as low a fee structure as possible, consistent with meeting its financial requirements. Parents are asked to be faithful in meeting their financial obligations so that, in turn, the College is able to do the same. In keeping with our commitment to make Christian education affordable for as many people as possible, we offer several discounts.

#### Tuition

Tuition fees vary according to the student’s year level. Discounts on tuition fees are offered for families with multiple children enrolled as well as those families with a low-income health care card. Prompt and early payment discounts may also apply. See below for more details.

#### Levies

This amount is collected to contribute to the cost of all stationery and classroom materials used by students as well as art materials, technology (iPad and/or laptop), textbooks, camps, excursions, maintenance, swimming and sports programs. It does not include bus or uniform fees.

#### Sibling Discounts

The College offers discounts on tuition for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & subsequent children enrolled in the College. The 2<sup>nd</sup> child receives a 30% discount, 3<sup>rd</sup> child 50%, 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent children pay no tuition fees. The discount applies to tuition fees only.

### 2024 Fees – Annual Fees

Full Fee Paying Families						
	Tuition	Levies	Total	2nd child	3rd child	4th child
Prep	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,550	\$1,250	\$500
Yrs 1-2	\$1,620	\$600	\$2,220	\$1,734	\$1,410	\$600
Yrs 3-4	\$1,800	\$780	\$2,580	\$2,040	\$1,680	\$780
Yrs 5-6	\$1,800	\$950	\$2,750	\$2,210	\$1,850	\$950
Yrs 7-8	\$2,365	\$1,100	\$3,465	\$2,756	\$2,283	\$1,100
Yrs 9-10	\$2,365	\$1,200	\$3,565	\$2,856	\$2,383	\$1,200



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### Fee Relief

Parents with a low-income Health Care Card are offered fee relief in the form of a minimum 40% off tuition fees. To receive the discount, parents must apply for and receive the Camps Sports and Excursion Fund subsidy (see below). They do this by presenting their Health Care Card early in the new year or upon enrolment and following the school's application process. Parents must also commit to payments through Centrepay or a similar direct debit payment plan. If at any time these payments stop, the College reserves the right to rescind the fee relief. Additional fee relief (more than 40%) may be available for those facing substantial financial hardship.

Reduced Fees – <u>Per Term</u> – with Health Care Card Fee Relief (40% off)*						
	Tuition	Levies	Total	2nd child	3rd child	4th child
Prep	\$900	\$500	\$1,400	\$1,040	\$950	\$500
Yrs 1-2	\$972	\$600	\$1,572	\$1,183	\$1,086	\$600
Yrs 3-4	\$1,080	\$780	\$1,860	\$1,428	\$1,320	\$780
Yrs 5-6	\$1,080	\$950	\$2,030	\$1,598	\$1,490	\$950
Yrs 7-8	\$1,419	\$1,100	\$2,519	\$1,951	\$1,810	\$1,100
Yrs 9-10	\$1,419	\$1,200	\$2,619	\$2,051	\$1,910	\$1,200

\* A minimum 40% off tuition is offered to families in receipt of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund subsidy (those with a low-income health care card). Further relief may be available upon application.

### Scholarships

We also offer scholarships to those families who are struggling with financial hardship and not able to afford the school fees. Financial constraints should not prevent a family from enrolling in our school. We are committed to making sure Christian Education is available to all those who value it. Contact the school for a scholarship application form.



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### **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund**

The Victorian government offers a payment for low-income families to assist with the costs of school camps, excursions, and sporting events. This annual payment is provided to families with a low-income health care card. Applications are made through the College. The amount payable is \$125 for primary students and \$225 for secondary students. Payment is made to the College. The College then allocates the CSEF payment to the camps, sports and excursions portion of the levies charged each term.

### **Accounts**

Fees are invoiced to parents by email before the start of the school year. Direct debit is the preferred method for payment. Fees can be paid in regular instalments across the year with full payment due by the first day of term 4.

### **Prompt Payment**

The College offers a 5% discount on the total annual fees (tuition and levies) when an account is paid in full by the end of February. This offer is not available to those receiving fee relief such as the HCC discount.

### **Camps**

The various annual student camps offered by MCC are considered a compulsory part of the College's educational program. All students in the relevant year levels are expected to attend. The cost of the annual camp is factored into the levies billed to parents. No refund is provided in the event a student does not attend the designated annual camp.

### **College Bus Service**

MCC offers a private bus service transporting students to and from the College. The out-of-pocket cost for this service is \$70 per student per term to a maximum of \$200 per family per term.

### **Conveyancing Subsidy**

In the absence of a public bus service, both the Victorian and NSW governments offer payments to families living more than 4.8 km from the College. This payment is designed to assist parents with the costs of travelling to and from the College whether that be by private car or bus. Applications for the VIC subsidy are made through the College. NSW parents apply for the subsidy online. Payment amounts vary depending on the distance between home and the College. Any payment received for students using the school bus is kept by the school in addition to the out-of-pocket expenses listed above.

### **Arrears**

It is the responsibility of all families within the College to ensure payments are made on time and do not fall into arrears. It is College policy to assist parents who are experiencing difficulties in meeting this obligation but cannot do so unless families make us aware of their circumstances. It is the



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responsibility of all families to advise the Business Manager or Principal of circumstances that may hinder the timely payment of fees.

In the event that an account falls overdue parents may be required to pay additional fees. Where no effort is made to remedy the situation the account may be placed with a debt collection agency. This will only be done as a last resort when all other avenues have been exhausted. In this event parents will be required to pay all debt collection costs.

### **Leaving the College**

Parents are advised that they must give a minimum of one term's written notice of the child leaving the College; otherwise, one term's fees in lieu will be charged. This applies regardless of the circumstances surrounding the student's departure. Special consideration will only be given in exceptional circumstances.