

# 2024 Tuition and Resource Fee Structure

Kildare College employs an inclusive fee system with annual billing for school fees. Although payment options are highly adaptable, we recommend that families choose the most budget-friendly method via PaySmart for settling their fees. Your PaySmart direct debit plan will be designed to ensure complete fee payment by the conclusion of the present academic year.

	Tuition and Resource Fee	Low Income Tuition and Resource Fee
Year 7	\$3,000	\$1,350
Years 8 to 12	\$5,100	\$2,295

### **Available Discounts**

- Early Payment Discount Save 2% on balance owed if paid by 23 February 2024
- Low Income Discount Receive 55% discount on Tuition and Resource Fee measured via School Card
- Siblings at Kildare College 10% for 2nd sibling, 40% for 3rd sibling, 70% for 4th sibling
- Sibling at other Catholic Primary Schools 5% on Tuition and Resource of first Kildare daughter.

#### No sibling discount is applicable for Year 7 students.

### **Resource Component**

The Resource component of the fee encompasses, but is not restricted to the following:

- All excursions, activities, swimming/sports carnivals
- All camps related to the curriculum
- Retreats
- The Girls' Achieve Program
- 24-hour insurance coverage for student disability and accidents
- Supplies for faculty use
- Locker locks
- The Kildare College yearbook
- Coverage for student ambulance services
- Student ID cards
- Credit for student printing (up to \$40 per student)
- Textbook use (replacement charges apply if lost)

# Voluntary Building Levy \$250 Per Family

To sustain and further develop our modern educational infrastructure, we invite all families to make a voluntary contribution of \$250 per family to the Kildare College Building Levy.

# Vocational Education and Training (VET) Fees

VET fees are an additional cost separate from tuition fees. Families are responsible for settling these fees before the courses begin. In most cases, the course provider will issue an invoice directly to the family.

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However, if the course provider is unable to do so, Kildare College will send an invoice to the family, which needs to be paid within 7 days. The range of VET fees falls between \$400 and \$5,000. The College offers a 50% subsidy on VET fees, up to a maximum of \$350 per student per year, which is granted upon successful completion of the course. It is important to note that VET subsidies are not provided for short or taster courses.

#### **Payment Arrangements**

Kildare College has collaborated with PaySmart to offer parents a versatile payment solution through direct debit. PaySmart will oversee your regular payments, allowing you to choose a frequency that aligns with your financial obligations, such as weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payments. This flexibility ensures your tuition payments coincide with your income schedule.

# Families Experiencing Financial Difficulties

The School Card Scheme, implemented by the South Australian Government, is designed to assess income levels and enable us to provide support for families with limited financial resources to cover educational expenses. You can obtain application forms from Reception or our Finance Team can email one to you.

For families that meet the eligibility criteria, Kildare College offers a 55% reduction in the net Tuition and Resource Fee.

Furthermore, families encountering severe financial hardship have the option to apply for an additional fee remission. You can obtain fee remission applications from the College Finance Team, and they will be evaluated by the Principal and Business Manager.

Families who are struggling to meet the College's fee payment requirements and do not qualify for the School Card are encouraged to get in touch with the Business Manager to schedule a confidential appointment to discuss their situation. All conversations and arrangements will be kept strictly confidential.

# **Split Accounts**

It is the legal responsibility of the signatories on the Application for Enrolment Form to pay all school fees. Where possible parents are asked to make their own arrangements regarding payment of accounts if they live at separate addresses. Should split accounts be required, contact will need to be made with our Finance Department to complete the applicable forms.

# Withdrawal Notification

To remove a student from the College, written notice of your intention is mandatory, and it should be submitted to the Principal at least one full term in advance. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the College exercising the option to impose a charge equivalent to a full term's school fees. Special circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

No reductions in fees will be granted to students, even for holidays (whether within the state, out of state, or abroad) taken during a school term.

### **Overdue Accounts**

The College reserves the authority to enlist the services of debt collection agencies to recover overdue accounts once all reasonable attempts at negotiation have been exhausted. In such cases, families are obliged to cover the collection expenses, in accordance with the commitments made in the "Application for Enrolment" and "Enrolment Contract."

We eagerly anticipate addressing any inquiries or concerns regarding your fee payments whenever the need arises, and we can be reached via email, telephone, or in person. Please feel free to reach out at your convenience.

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