

# 2012 Tuition Fees and Other Charges

*(Australian Resident Enrolments)*

## Tuition Fees

*Fees are incurred annually, but invoiced in three instalments at the beginning of Terms 1 and 2 and following the setting of subsequent year's fees in July / August*

Year Level	1st Child (per instalment)	2nd Child (per instalment)	3rd Child (per instalment)	4th Child (per instalment)	5thChild	Annual Fee 1st Child
10 - 12	3,516	2,989	2,637	2,110	0	10,548
6 - 9	2,919	2,481	2,189	1,752	0	8,757
3 - 5	2,392	2,033	1,794	1,435	0	7,176
Rec - 2	2,172	1,846	1,629	1,303	0	6,516
Family Discount*	n/a	15.0%	25.0%	40.0%	100.0%	

*\* This applies to students concurrently attending Mercedes College.*

## Building Fund Levy

*Annual compulsory levy invoiced in four instalments (one per term)*

Students concurrently attending Mercedes College	Per Instalment	Annual Fee
One child attending	\$366	\$1,464
Two children attending	\$470	\$1,880
Three children attending	\$501	\$2,004
Four or more children attending	\$545	\$2,180

**Resource Fee** *(per student per annum)* Annual compulsory fee invoiced in four Instalments. This fee covers costs incurred in providing compulsory curriculum materials and activities at each Year level. (Amounts for 2012 tbc)

Year Level	Annual Fee
R	\$632
1	\$666
2	\$706
3	\$660
4	\$760
5	\$972
6	\$1124
7	\$1120
8	\$1264
9	\$1422
10	\$1744
11	\$1098
12	\$1174

# 2012 Tuition Fees and Other Charges

## Advance Tuition Fee / General Tuition Fee Information

Mercedes College has a policy of charging Tuition Fees one instalment in advance. This is known as the 'Advance Fee'. Subsequent fee instalments are invoiced at the beginning of Terms 1 and 2.

In accordance with our fee policy, invoices are due and payable within thirty days of being rendered or before the student commences at Mercedes College whichever period is the shorter. All fees invoiced are payable and one full term's notice in writing is required if a student is to be withdrawn from the College.

Family discounts and concessions **do not** apply to Advance Fees although the discounts and concessions, if applicable, will apply on subsequent Tuition Fee accounts. Concessions to the Advance Fee only apply to those students awarded a Catherine McAuley Scholarship.

The account invoiced in the first half of Term 3 each year will always be the first instalment for the following year and thus families will not be issued an account for tuition fees for the final period of their child's education at Mercedes College.

## Building Fund Levy - *An annual compulsory levy invoiced in four instalments (once per term)*

The Building Fund Levy is compulsory, servicing capital works and providing funds for building and infrastructure which benefit our current and future students.

## Resource Fee - *per student per annum*

The annual Resource Fee is charged in four instalments with the first instalment being payable to Wooldridges at the time of book collection prior to the commencement of the school year. This fee is included on the booklist schedules. The remaining three instalments will be charged on the Tuition Fee Accounts in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

The Resource Fee covers costs incurred in providing library and reference material including the Book Hire scheme where applicable, internet access and downloads, as well as Information Technology consumables, sporting materials, student diary, student lockers, some photocopying and miscellaneous items required by students. All compulsory swimming and athletics carnivals, knockout sporting representative and carnivals, compulsory academic competitions and testing programs are incorporated in the fee.

The Resource Fee also covers all compulsory Year level or Class level based activities including camps and retreats, day excursions, in-house performances, guest speakers, workshops etc. The fee covers all admission or entrance fees, bus hire and incidentals that the entire Year group are expected to attend. Such activities are undertaken as a part of the curriculum and linked with the core elements of the education (including social development) of the student. On occasion, students involved in elective activities may be required to contribute to the costs incurred.

## Other Charges

### **Co-curricular and ad-hoc activities** - *Charged as and when incurred*

Charges of this nature cover sports and some extra curricular activities etc. It is the College policy that no such charges should be added without your prior approval. The 'approval to charge' is often included on the permission slips or letters distributed to students, and will be clearly marked as incurring a charge and requiring your signature.

### **Year 11 and 12 Subject Levies** - *Charged for participation in specific subjects where a high level of direct material / service costs are incurred.*

Refund of Subject Levies is available to students who are withdrawn from the College within the first seven weeks of Term 1. If a student is withdrawn after this period of time these fees will not be refunded.

## Fee Concessions

Mercedes College is amenable to assisting families who are experiencing difficulties in complying with the Fee Policy. To assist families with their financial commitment to the College, we have Fee Concession policies that are fair and equitable for the entire Mercedes Community. Please feel free to ask – your questions will be dealt with in complete confidence.

## Payment Details

Invoices are rendered at the beginning of Terms 1 and 2 and in the first half of Terms 3 and 4. Payment options are via cheque, Amex, MasterCard, Visa, BPay and Direct Debit (savings, cheque or credit) facilities. The College does not offer a Cash-Out facility.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Mercedes College' and mailed to the appropriate department, or hand delivered to the Administration Office in Strathspey or The College Shop. Receipts are always issued for payments made, however they will only be supplied in the case of personal payments or upon request.