

NEPEAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2021 FEES - OTHER INFORMATION

1. Billing of Tuition Fees

In 2021, the School will bill fees on a term by term basis. Parents will receive an invoice, prior to the start of each term. Years K-9 and 11, will be invoiced over four terms. Year 10 & 12 fees will be invoiced over three terms.

2. Specific Course Charges

VET Courses - Students undertaking VET courses pay for all consumables determined by the host school including uniform and tools as required.

The school will pay for all course fees for VET subjects.

Distance education courses – students are required to pay fees for courses in the preliminary year and the school pays the fees in the HSC year.

Course fees are due and payable prior to the commencement of the course. Students will not be allowed to register for any VET or Distance education courses where normal tuition fees are in arrears.

2. Additional Charges

The annual tuition fee includes all charges relating to the student's tuition. The school does not levy any additional charges for textbooks, course materials, excursions, subject specific resources etc.

The only exception to the above is for the year 7 Computer levy and extra-curricular activities such as the Snow Trip, Band Tour, Duke of Edinburgh etc. where participation is voluntary and the activity does not form part of the curriculum. These activities are charged on a cost basis.

3. Sibling Discounts

In order to assist parents with multiple children attending the school the Board has made available the following sibling discounts:

- Second sibling 47.5%
- Third sibling 72.5%
- Fourth and subsequent siblings 100%

4. Fees in Advance Discounts

Where a family chooses to pay the whole year's fees in advance a discount will be offered. This discount is set annually by the Board and further details are available from the "Fees in Advance" information sheet.

Please note fees in advance must be paid by 31st December 2020.

5. Hardship Discounts

The School recognises that, from time to time, parents encounter unforeseen circumstances which may impact on their ability to meet their school fee commitment.

In recognition of this, the Board has set aside a limited budget to assist parents through such difficulties. Any relief that is provided will be for a maximum duration of one year and an application must be made to the School.

Any parents finding themselves in such a situation are invited to contact the Business Manager for a confidential discussion.

6. Instalment Payment Scheme

The School makes available a scheme where tuition fees can be paid by instalments over the course of the year.

For 2021 parents can elect to pay via weekly, fortnightly, monthly or term by term instalments. Instalments can be paid either via direct debit from a bank account, via credit card (a fee may apply) or parents may elect to pay their quarterly fees via Bpay (only for payment by term).

Parents wishing to pay their fees by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments are required to complete the school's Direct Debit Authority form and return it to the Business Manager no later than the 5th of February 2021.

Instalments will commence on Friday, the 12th February and will continue thereafter at the payment frequency nominated by the family.

Parents who choose the fortnightly option may elect to commence their instalments on either the 5th or the 12th of February 2021. **The default start date for fortnightly instalments will be the 12th February – it is the responsibility of the parent to request the alternate start of the 5th of February.**

All direct debit payments will occur on a Friday and the school offers 40 weekly instalments, 20 fortnightly instalments or 10 monthly instalments. Tuition fee instalment payments will finish in November.

Term by term instalments are due on:

- 12 February 2021
- 30 April 2021
- 23 July 2021
- 15 October 2021

Parents who require assistance with calculating their instalments are welcome to contact the Business Manager.

7. Overseas Students

Parents of overseas students wishing to enrol their children in the school are advised that a different scale of fees apply. These students are ineligible for government funding support; parents of such students are encouraged to discuss the applicable fees with the Principal.

8. Notice of Withdrawal

Parents are reminded that it is a condition of the enrolment contract that one full calendar term's notice, in writing, be given to the Principal of an intention to withdraw a student from the school.

If the required notice is not given the School will charge a term's fees in lieu of notice.

9. Optional Events

The School runs a number of optional events such as Green Patch Camp, Snow Trip, Band Tour etc. The Trybooking system is used for payment of such events and parents will be notified of booking and payment details as the events occur.

The School regrets to advise that optional events cannot be charged to the tuition fee account.

10. School Building Fund

The school operates a tax-deductible fund for the purposes of funding the construction of new buildings or improvements to existing buildings. Donations can be made in cash, by electronic funds transfer or by credit card. A tax receipt will be issued at the end of each financial year. Parents who wish to contribute can have their donations added to their fee instalments.