

NEPEAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2020 FEES - OTHER INFORMATION

1. Billing of Tuition Fees

In 2020, the School will bill fees on a term by term basis. Parents will receive an invoice, prior to the start of each term, which, for Years K-9 and 11, will be for one quarter of the annual tuition fee. Year 10 & 12 fees will be invoiced over three terms.

2. Specific Course Charges

VET Courses - Students undertaking VET courses pay for all consumables used in the course and provide their own uniform and tools where required.

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

Correspondence Courses – students are required to pay fees for these courses in the preliminary year and the school pays the fees in the HSC year.

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 technology (Bring Your Own Device, BYOD) 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 2019.

5. Hardship Discounts

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

In recognition that this does occur, 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 2020 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 instalments via Bpay.

Parents who elect to pay instalments through Bpay are responsible for setting up these payments as the direct debit system cannot access the Bpay system.

Parents wishing to pay their instalments by direct debit are required to complete the school's Direct Debit Authority form and return it to the Business Manager no later than the end of the first week of February.

Instalments will commence on Friday 14th 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 14th or the 21st February. **The default start date for fortnightly instalments will be the 14th February – it is the responsibility of the parent to request the alternate state of 21st 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:

- 14th February
- 8th May
- 31st July
- 23rd October

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 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.