

2021 Fee Information

Student Fees Payable

Enrolment Deposit

A non-refundable deposit is required to accept the offer of a placement at the College:

- Pre- Kinder \$200
- Kinder \$200
- New Student – Prep to Year 11 \$300

The amount paid at the time of accepting a placement offer will be credited towards the fees in the first year of enrolment when invoices are generated for that year.

Tuition Fees

It is Creek Street Christian College's policy to set its fees at a level that is affordable to most families within our community, while also providing sufficient resources and quality staff to provide the excellent level of education Creek Street Christian College is known for. Each year the fees are reviewed and whilst the College Council endeavours to keep fee increases to a minimum, it is mindful that education costs continue to increase.

Creek Street Christian College is an independent school and, like many independent schools, receives Government funding. Government funding paid to independent schools is considerably less than funds given to public schools, so to make up for this gap, independent schools charge fees for the education of their students.

Year Level Levy

The Year Level Levy includes contributions towards class sets of educational materials, consumables, equipment, technology, digital textbooks, online subscriptions, incursions, excursions and camps that are relevant to that year level and enables students to participate in co-curricular activities without the inconvenience of additional minor expenses throughout the year. In Secondary year levels, this also includes the costs of electives, VCE and VET subjects which represent higher costs than in Primary Year Levels.

This levy is not adjusted for late entry during the school year and whilst this includes the cost of camps and excursions, refunds do not apply for non-attendance of these events as arrangements and bookings are usually put in place early in the year to ensure costs can be kept to a minimum.

Camps

Creek Street Christian College's camps program operates on a two year cycle. The year levels indicated by an * asterisk in the Fee Table below go on a major camp during this year which represents a portion of that year levels levy. Other year levels will have smaller camp/s this year and attend a major camp in the following year. There are no other additional charges for camps or excursions at the time students go on the camp.

^ The Year 5/6 Urban camp was not able to proceed in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, in 2021 Years 6 & 7 will incur an additional \$100 to cover the cost of an additional day excursion to Melbourne to include an urban experience that otherwise would have been part of the Year 5/6 camp.

Payment due dates

Fees are payable in advance in 4 instalments on the following dates:

- Term 1 fees 28th February
- Term 2 fees 30th April
- Term 3 fees 23rd July
- Term 4 fees 8th October

2021 Student Fees Payable & included camps

Year level	Annual Tuition Fee	+	Annual Year Level Levy	=	Total Annual Fees	Total Annual Fees Paid Fortnightly
Early Learning Centre						
Pre Kinder (3 YO) ~	\$1,760	+	\$200	=	\$1,960	\$75
Kinder (4 YO) ~	\$1,160	+	\$0	=	\$1,160	\$44
Primary Year Levels						
Prep	\$2,900	+	\$475	=	\$3,375	\$130
Year 1	\$3,100	+	\$475	=	\$3,575	\$137
Year 2	\$3,100	+	\$500	=	\$3,600	\$138
Year 3 *	\$3,100	+	*\$800	=	\$3,900	\$150
Year 4 *	\$3,100	+	*\$800	=	\$3,900	\$150
Year 5	\$3,100	+	\$550	=	\$3,650	\$140
Year 6 ^	\$3,100	+	^\$650	=	\$3,750	\$144
Secondary Year Levels						
Year 7 *^	\$3,475	+	*^\$1455	=	\$4,930	\$189
Year 8 *	\$3,475	+	* \$1,355	=	\$4,830	\$185
Year 9	\$3,625	+	\$1,005	=	\$4,630	\$178
Year 10 #	\$3,625	+	\$1,005	=	\$4,630	\$178
Year 11	\$3,775	+	\$1,300	=	\$5,075	\$195

* See information above on camps. ^ See information above on camps.

VCE Subjects – Students electing to study Units 1 & 2 of a VCE subject in Year 10 will incur an additional \$600 fee as indicated in the Electives Booklet.

~ 4YO Kinder – Tuition fee is for 3 additional hours over and above the 15 hour Free Kinder program funded by the State Government.

~ 3YO Kinder – The State Government is providing some funding for 3YO kinder programs that are usually unfunded in 2021. Any funding received by the College will be applied to reduce the fees payable by parents. At this stage the level of funding has not been confirmed but indications are this could be around \$1,280 for the year.

Family Levies

Parent Service Levy

At the beginning of each year a Parent Service Levy of \$160 will be charged to your account. Families have the option of paying the levy or contributing a minimum of four hours service to the College community. There are many options parents can choose to fulfil this service, for example:

- a working bee which may include minor building projects, gardening or general maintenance works,
- assist with the supervision of students on excursions or at school events such as swimming sports and athletics sports
- Energy Breakthrough events
- College Musical

Please note there are some events where parents may only be involved if they hold a current Working with Children Check.

Parents will be required to sign into an event that qualifies as meeting the Parent Service requirements. At the conclusion of the event, the event organiser will counter sign the parents involvement and be passed on to the finance team. A credit note proportionate to the amount of hours completed will be applied to the invoice.

Parents are welcome to attend more than one working bee or to assist for more than the expected four hours per family. The College greatly appreciates all contributions by parents as they serve our school community.

Building Fund Donations

The College operates a Building Fund to upgrade and maintain its facilities in order to provide quality facilities that enhance the education of the students. Families have generously donated to the college in the past which has assisted in the development and improvement of our facilities over the past 40 years since the College opened its doors. The College Council anticipates that families see the benefit of these upgrades and requests each family to donate a minimum of \$150 to this fund.

All donations paid to the building fund are fully **tax deductible** and funds are used specifically for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining the College facilities.

Library Fund Donations

Donations of any amount to the Library Fund are **tax deductible** and are used to purchase Christian material. College Council requests that all families donate a minimum of \$10 per year to the Library Fund.

Discounts

As a Christian community, the College believes in supporting its families and offers a range of discounts on tuition fees for families who pay fees by the due date.

Sibling discounts

The sibling discount will be applied to tuition fees only. The oldest child is the first child in the family.

For students in Year Prep to Year 10

- Second child in family \$400 per year or \$100 per term
- Third child in family \$860 per year or \$215 per term
- Fourth & subsequent child in family No Tuition Fee – only Year Level Levy payable

For students in Kinder Program

- Pre-Kinder \$60 per year or \$15 per term
- Kinder \$100 per year or \$25 per term

If the fourth or subsequent child of a family is in Kinder, then No Tuition fees for Kinder will apply.

Annual payment in full by 28th February

Annual fees paid in full by 28th February receive a discount of **\$150 per student** which will be applied to tuition fees. Please note any subsequent fee increases during the year will still be payable.

The following discounts are non-accumulative and will be applied to Tuition Fees after Sibling and Annual Payment discounts have been applied and will only apply if payments are made by the due dates.

- **Commonwealth Health Care Card**

Low-income families holding a Commonwealth Health Care Card (Child cards are not eligible) will receive 7% discount on tuition fees only (excludes year level levy).

Health Care Card holders are also eligible to receive CSEF Funding (Camps, Sports, Excursions Funding) from the government. The CSEF provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps, swimming and school organised sports programs, excursions and incursions. Health Care Card Holders are eligible. Application Forms are available from the Administration Office or from our website and should be return to the Administration Office. **Applications close end of June each year.** Applications received after this date will not be eligible for this funding. Primary student rebate: \$125, Secondary student rebate: \$225.

- **Members of Creek Street Church**

Members of Creek Street Church who attend services regularly will receive a 7% discount on tuition fees only (excludes year level levy)

- **Ministers**

Ministers and Pastors in ministry may apply for the Ministers discount by contacting the Finance Manager or Business Manager.

Conveyance Allowance

Families who live more than 4.8 kilometres from the school, may be eligible to receive a government travel subsidy. Amounts payable vary based on the distance you are from the College. Application forms are available from the Administration Office or on our website and should be return to the Administration Office.

Payment of Fees & Levies

Payment Options

The College's preferred payment option is **direct debit**. Forms are available from the College office or on our website for payments to be debited from your account on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly cycle or on the invoice due date. Alternatively, email studentfees@creekstreet.vic.edu.au for more information and advice on payment plan options.

Other payment options are:

- Direct Credit BSB 633 000 Account 107 214 751 Reference – family name & invoice no.
- EFTPOS Payments can be made in person at Reception desk
- Cash Payments can be made in person at Reception desk

Late Enrolees

Late enrolees will be required to pay Tuition Fees equivalent to the time they are attending the College in that year. eg. Enrolments beginning in Term 3 will be charged half of the Annual Tuition Fees. They will also be required to pay the Year Level Levy in full along with all family levies applicable in that year.

Notice Period Leaving College

One full term's notice is required when a student leaves the college. If a term's notice is not given, payment of a term's tuition fees will be required. Year Level and Family Levies applicable for that year will be required to be paid in full regardless of when the student leaves the college.

Overdue Payments

The College relies on payments being made on time to provide a high quality education for your children. If for some reason you are unable to make payment by the due date, please contact the Finance Manager or Business Manager to arrange a payment plan. Overdue amounts that have not had alternate arrangements made with the Finance Manager or Business Manager will attract an administration fee of \$50 per month. If non-payment of account results in the account being referred to a debt collection agency, all additional fees and charges will be charged to the parents.

Please note non-payment of fees may jeopardize your child's position and any siblings future enrolment in the College.

Financial Hardship

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please apply for fee assistance by completing the 'Application for fee assistance' form available from the Finance Manager or Business Manager. The amount of financial assistance offered, will be based upon the demonstrated need for assistance, the College's financial hardship policy guidelines and amount of funds available for financial hardship applications.