



School Fees Information – 2023

Tuition fees are subject to change, with one Term's notice given by the school. Fees are invoiced electronically at the start of each Term, and are payable in full by the end of Week 3 within the Term, unless an approved Fee Agreement is in place for instalment payments. Payment methods are Direct Debit, EFT, Credit Card, Cheque or Cash.

Application and Entry Fees

Application Fees and Entry Bonds are paid separately and prior to commencement within the school. They cannot be included within ongoing payment plans or fee agreements.

Enrolment Application Fee

A non-refundable Enrolment Application Fee of \$100 applies to all CSSK Enrolment Applications and is payable at the time of application.

Entry Bond

An Entry bond of \$600 is payable within 7 days of an Offer of Place to accept and confirm enrolment within the school. Entry Bonds are refundable, except in the event of a non-commencement or withdrawal without a terms written notice.

Note: For children enrolled in Kinder and going into Prep,

Class	Annual	Term	Information
3yo Kindergarten	Free in 2023* *for Victorian Government funded places		7.5 hours across 2 sessions per week
4yo Kindergarten			3 full days per week
Prep to Class 2	\$6,580	\$1,645	The Prep Program runs Mon-Thurs and is charged at the full school fee to enable employment of a full-time class assistant.
Classes 3-8	\$8,560	\$2,140	Fees do not include camp fees or day excursions, which are charged separately each term. See Other Costs section.

Sibling Discounts

Sibling discounts are applicable to families with multiple children attending the school simultaneously. Discounts are applied to Kinder through to Class 8. Playgroup is excluded. Sibling discounts rates for 2022 are:

Second Child **15%**

Third Child **45%**

Fourth Child **60%**

Other Costs:

Other costs include:

- Excursions/camps and special performances/ events (such as the multi-cultural week performances) as required in each year level from Class 3
- Individual class levy for text books – as required in each senior level
- Insurance \$15.00 per term
- Steiner Curriculum Levy \$24.00 per family per term
- School bus (if applicable) \$142 per term (full-time users who have assigned conveyance allowance to school)
- Sun hat (if applicable) \$14.00
- Personal equipment/Musical Instruments are purchased by the family as required in each year level
- Other ad hoc charges as they arise

If paying fees by fortnightly instalments, an additional \$100 - \$150 per term has been factored into the amounts indicated on the fee agreement application form. The actual amount may be more or less than this, so you may wish to adjust your final payment at the end of each year.

Payment of Tuition Fees

Payment in advance: Fees are invoiced prior to the commencing Term, and are payable in full by the end of Week 3 of each term. Payment methods are Direct Debit, EFT, Credit Card, Cheque or Cash.

Payment by instalment: Payment by instalments by Direct Debit is available for weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. A Direct Debit form should be submitted to the school before the end of Week 1 of first term if paying this way for the full year. Payment by instalment is also available via EFT, Credit Card, Cheque or Cash.

If you are unable to make a payment by the due date, please notify the school as early as possible to make alternative arrangements. This may involve signing a fee agreement to enable payments to be paid over a longer time or catch up of arrears.

The school has a Fee Retrieval Policy. While every endeavour is made to accommodate the varying financial needs of families, the school relies on the payment of fees to meet the costs of providing quality Steiner education. Ultimately if parents are unable to make payments or fail to keep up with a fee agreement, in line with the Fee Retrieval Policy their children's enrolment at the school may be cancelled and a debt collection agency may be engaged for unpaid fees.

Fee Assistance Scheme

The school has adopted a Fee Assistance Scheme to help provide short-term assistance for temporary periods of hardship. Fee Assistance is by application and dependant on available school funds for families with severe financial difficulty in meeting fee payments. Assistance is limited, and families are still required to pay the majority of the fees whilst receiving assistance. Additional assistance may be available on application for families whose income has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other Support

The school keep tuition fees to a minimum where possible to remain accessible to all families. This requires that the school community as a whole supports the school's working bees and fundraising activities. Commitment of time is expected of all families at working bees, the Spring Fair and other events organised by the school.

Fee Retrieval Policy

Refer to the school website for information on arrangements for outstanding fees and the Fee Retrieval Policy.