

ANNUAL TUITION FEE

Payment of the student's Annual Tuition Fee for the year is scheduled by the College. Various payment options are available but payments can only be processed by a nominated Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa) or Direct Debit deduction. Please note once nominated, the payment option chosen by the fee payer is ongoing, until the last student in the family exits the College. Please refer to the College website for further information. www.columba.vic.edu.au

At the College Board meeting at the end of October, Board Directors discussed the Annual Tuition Fees for 2024 in light of anticipated funding and expenditure commitments for the coming years.

Some of the major considerations were:

- The level of funding required to support the planned new infrastructure project, the Foxford Innovation Centre and Sports Court Project (and anticipated interest rate increases).
- The financial impacts of the new multi-employer agreement which have resulted in the need to employ 6 additional teachers over 2023 & 2024, for which there has been no additional funding, outside of regular indexation and funding increases to cover pay increments. The agreement also includes a reduction in "extras" classes teachers can take on top of their teaching loads. To ensure we do not reduce programs, this results in an increase in casual relief teachers we need to employ.
- The proactive work the College has commenced to ensure we have a rigorous cyber-security program in place.
- The impact of increased insurance costs and work cover costs with anticipated increases of between 60% to 80%.

In light of these considerations, the St Columba's College Board has approved the Annual Tuition Fees for 2024 as listed which reflects a 6% increase from the 2023 fees.

Subject	Inclusions	Fee Payable	Per Student
Music / Speech	30 minute lesson – Group	\$200	Per Term
	45 minute lesson – Group	\$270	Per Term
	30 minute lesson – Single	\$400	Per Term
	45 minute lesson – Single	\$600	Per Term
	60 minute lesson – Single	\$800	Per Term
Theory	45 minute lesson – Group (Lunchtime)	\$90	Per Term
Instrument Hire	Single Instrument	\$60	Per Term
LHD Dance	Minimum 60 minute lesson	\$275	Per Semester

GST - All fees quoted are inclusive of GST where applicable.

Year Level	Fee Payable	Laptop	Per Student
Year 7	\$11,076	\$600	Per Year
Year 8	\$11,076	\$550	Per Year
Year 9	\$11,076	\$550	Per Year
Year 10	\$11,712	\$600	Per Year
Year 11	\$11,712	\$550	Per Year
Year 12	\$11,712	\$550	Per Year

10% HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS

A 10% discount will be offered to families on completion and successful application of the Government CSEF – Camping Sports and Excursions Form.

FAMILY DISCOUNT

A discount will apply where two or more students concurrently attend the College. The sibling discounts are 10% for the second student and 15% for all subsequent students.

3% EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT

A 3% discount will be offered to families if the student's 2024 Annual Tuition Fees are paid in full by Wednesday 28 February 2024.

PRIVATE TUITION FEES

Private tuition classes in Music, Speech and Dance are additional to the mainstream education program offered at the College. Payment for these classes is required by a scheduled Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa) or Direct Debit deduction; fees are deducted at the beginning of each term (Music)/semester (Dance). Please note this is an ongoing arrangement until the College has been notified in writing that lessons are no longer continuing. Should a student wish to discontinue any private tuition class the period of notice required in advance is a term for Music and a semester for Dance. Refunds are not available for any private tuition class. Family accounts in arrears may jeopardise a student being able to participate in any private tuition class.

LAPTOP PROGRAM

The College has a Laptop Program for all students who have signed the Laptop agreement. The fee for the Laptop Program of \$600 (who have commenced the program in 2024) will be invoiced each year for a 3 year period. The Laptop Program fee will be invoiced at the start of the College year and will be shown as a separate line item on your Family Account.

**BUILDING AND
MAINTENANCE FUND
CONTRIBUTION
– TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

Each year families are encouraged to make a \$600 donation to the St Columba's College Building and Maintenance Fund. The contributions paid to the College fund are tax deductible and families are encouraged to donate by 30 June 2024.