



FEES & CHARGES INFORMATION

Funding for Trinity Lutheran College is derived from three main sources: the Commonwealth Government, the State Government and parent fees. The funding given to Independent Schools is considerably less than that given to state schools therefore the charging of parent fees is necessary. The total college fee consists of a tuition fee and a composite charge.

Inclusions

Composite fees cover items and activities that incur a per student cost. In general areas covered include:

- Individual stationery, workbooks and class resources
- Online subscriptions to learning programs such as iMaths, Language Perfect, Soundwaves
- Scientific calculator issued to yr7 students (and required to be used for remaining secondary year levels)
- Text books (electronic and hard copy), a range of readers and class sets
- Specialist and elective subject materials
- Year level camp
- Year level excursions
- Year level sport and physical education entrance and equipment hire charges
- Interschool representation costs (with parent co-contribution required at state competition level)
- Guest speakers and visiting performers
- Access to technology, iPads (Prep to Yr 4), internet and various apps
- VCE subject option (Y10) at Mildura senior College (excluding subject materials) for ONE subject only
- VET subject option (Yr9&10) costs in excess of the base charge of \$300 for ONE subject only
- School Student Personal Accident Protection Plan
- After school homework and tutoring support

Exclusions

Fees and charges do not cover:

- Personal NAMED pencil case
- Year 3 to 10 require base items: 2 blue or black pens, 1 red pen, 2 HB pencils, 1 highlighter (any colour), eraser, sharpener (optional items: glue stick, scissors and ruler)
- Replacement of scientific calculator if required after issued in yr7
- Personal digital learning device yr5 to yr10 (specifications available upon request)
- College Magazine \$20 per family charged in Term 3
- Instrumental music, dance and other individual specialist tuition (prep to yr10)
- Sports excellence specialist tuition and training program (yr5 to 10)
- ICAS competition registration costs
- Outside School Hours Care fees and charges
- Yr7 & 8 Food Technology: 1 tea towel, apron, food container to take home cooking as required
- Yr7 & 8 Textiles Technology: Length of fabric with matching thread as advised at the start of the unit
- Extra charges associated with yr 9 & 10 elective subjects as per curriculum handbook such as Outdoor Education camp; Senior College (Yr10) subject materials; VET (TAFE, Trade training Centre and similar) certificate base charge of \$300 plus materials and PPE as advised by the VET provider.
- Optional extra-curricular after hours activities may incur an individual charge
- Optional social events such as year 9 & 10 Ball

Application Fee

This is a non-refundable fee which is payable per child when an application for enrolment is lodged. An acknowledgment and receipt will be sent to the applicant.

Enrolment Acceptance Deposit

A deposit is required to be lodged for each child when accepting a position offered at the College. This is considered a firm agreement. After this time, should parents or caregivers wish to withdraw their child's enrolment, one school term's notice is required. The Enrolment Acceptance Deposit will then be refunded less an Administration Fee of \$100. Should the notice be less than one school term then no refund is available.

When the student has completed his/her studies at the college and all accounts are finalised the enrolment deposit will be credited into the family school account and paid out. Where no forwarding address is given the balance will be transferred to the College Building Fund.

Payment of Fees

Accounts are rendered at the end of each term. Fees may be paid by cash, cheque, direct debit, bank transfer, BPay, Mastercard or Visa.

The payment of college fees and charges will be by one of the following:

1. Annually in advance by February 28th. This method attracts a discount of 3%. For assistance calculating the correct full year fees with discount it is recommended that the College Business Manager be contacted.
2. Four instalments which will be due by the Friday of Week 4 of each term. This date will be noted on the fee invoice.
3. Payment plan by regular direct debit or credit card instalment. This will need to be an individual arrangement with the Business Manager.

Overdue Accounts

Accounts not paid by the due date cause great difficulty for the College in meeting their financial obligations. Parents who experience unforeseen financial difficulty should request an interview with the Business Manager so that they can work together as soon as possible to manage the situation. The College reserves the right to charge the cost of recovering fees on overdue accounts.

Student Departure

When planning to withdraw a student from the school, parents are required to give the college one term's notice in writing. Should the college not receive the required notice, parents will be liable for the following term's fees.

Insurance

The College does not accept liability for damage or loss of any personal possessions of students brought onto the college campus. Trinity has a student Personal Accident protection plan which provides cover at all times throughout the year. It should be noted that:

- Any other available insurance (eg private health) must be exhausted first and any shortfall can then be claimed under this plan.
- Non-Medicare medical expenses that are not subject to any full or partial Medicare rebate and incurred within twelve (12) calendar months of sustaining injury can be subject to a claim
- Must relate to injuries sustained during school organised activities.
- The Commonwealth Government has made it illegal for any insurer to cover the gap for medical costs which are not covered by Medicare. The Trinity insurer cannot therefore cover this portion.

Terms and Conditions of Trade

The terms and conditions of trade will be provided to parents / caregivers as part of the enrolment agreement.