

2025 Kindy Parent Fees Schedule

Pippi's (2-day) & Pre-Preps (3-day and 5-day)



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At Samford Valley Steiner School, we are committed to providing a high-quality education and supporting facilities for your children. As a not-for-profit organisation, all fees and levies directly support the operation and development of the school.

To help you plan for the year ahead, we've outlined the 2025 Parent Fee Schedule below. We've also included important information on payment options, discounts, and additional charges.

Since 2023, significant changes to the government funding model for Kindy (Pre-Prep 3-day and 5-day programs) have led to a decision to separate the Parent Contribution schedules for Prep–Class 12 from the Kindy schedule. Family discounts will now apply only to siblings in Pippi's and Prep–Class 12, as the Kindy subsidies provide families with substantial upfront discounts for children in Pre-Prep classes.

If you have any questions regarding fees, please reach out to Carla Lovegrove, our Accounts Manager, who will be able to assist you, her email address is svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

Parent Fees (Per Annum)

We offer two payment options to make fee payments as convenient as possible:

1. **Full Advance Payment:** Due before the end of the first week of Term 1 via the school's preferred online payment system. Early Payment Discounts apply (details below).
2. **Payment Plans:** Flexible options to pay weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or termly via our online payment system. Lump sum payments can also be made at any time, which will automatically adjust your remaining balance. Missed payments will incur a \$15 late payment fee.

Parent Fees in 2025 and the kindy discount.

Queensland Government has confirmed that it will again in 2025 offer subsidised kindy. In 2024, all 3-day Pre-Preps will receive full subsidy as per Government provision (applied as discount in the Statement) 5-day Pre-Preps will receive the subsidy as per Government provision for the first 600 hours and pay only for 2 days

Please refer to the table below for 2025 fees and compulsory charges. Please note that the Pippi's cohort is not eligible for the Government Kindy Subsidies as they attend less than 600 hours per year

Table 1: Parent Fee Schedule 2025

Class	Tuition Fee	Compulsory Charges	Total per annum	Amount per Term
Pippi's	\$3,304	\$1,180	\$4,484	\$1,121

Table 2: Pre-prep and Prep Fee Schedule 2025

Class	Annual Fees (pre-government subsidy)	Applicable only to 3- day component	Amount per annum after subsidy deduction	Amount per Term
Pre-prep (3 days)	\$6,028.50	\$6,028.50	\$0	\$0
Pre-Prep (5 days)	\$8,690.50	\$6,028.50	\$2,662	\$665.50

Discounts

- **Early Payment Discount:** Save 5% on tuition fees by paying all fees (tuition + compulsory charges) in full by the early payment due date. Please email svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au to have your discount applied once you have received your annual statement.
- **Sibling Discount:** Available for families with more than one child in Prep–Class 12. Please email svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au to have your discount applied once you have received your annual statement.

Payment Options and Policies

Payment Platform:

From January 2025, we’re introducing a secure, paperless direct debit platform for school fee payments through TASS Parent Lounge. This new system is PCI-compliant, ensuring safe and flexible payment options for families.

Setting up your payment schedule is easy:

1. Log in to Parent Lounge.
2. Select “Accounts & Payments” to create your payment plan.

If you need assistance, please contact Carla Lovegrove at svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au.

Forgotten your Parent Lounge access number? It’s listed on your current parent statement (top right corner) which is sent via SVSS Accounts if you are looking in your email. Your account number is a five-digit code.

Please note: All 2024 payments will continue to be processed through FACTS. The switch to Parent Lounge begins in 2025, and statements will be issued mid-January.

Overdue Accounts:

If fees remain unpaid beyond the due date and no prior arrangements have been made, accounts may incur a \$25 monthly fee. In some cases, overdue accounts may be referred to a collection agency.

Temporary Absences and Withdrawals:

- For temporary absences of up to one term, tuition fees are still payable in full.
- For withdrawals, one term's written notice is required. Without notice, one term's tuition fees may be charged.

Financial Hardship and Fee Payment Support

We understand that families may face financial challenges at times. At Samford Valley Steiner School, we are committed to working with families to ensure that financial circumstances do not unduly impact your child's education.

Proactive Communication

If you are having trouble meeting your fee payment deadlines, we encourage you to reach out to our Economic Development Director as early as possible. Together, we can discuss options and explore arrangements to support you during this time.

Special Payment Arrangements

Families facing financial hardship can request tailored payment plans to help manage their fees. These arrangements must be mutually agreed upon in writing and require proactive communication from parents or caregivers in advance of payment delays.

Partnering with Edstart

For families seeking additional flexibility, we partner with Edstart, an external provider that offers extended payment plans beyond the school year. A service charge applies for this option. If you're interested in exploring Edstart, please contact our Accounts Team at svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au for a referral.

Overdue Accounts

Without a formal arrangement in place, accounts that remain unpaid after the due date will be considered overdue. Overdue accounts may incur a \$25 monthly administrative fee and, if necessary, be referred to a debt collection agency. Any associated recovery costs will be added to the outstanding balance.

Split Accounts

We understand that some families prefer to manage fees separately, so we offer the option to set up 50-50 split accounts. This arrangement allows each parent or caregiver to pay their share of the fees independently. To set this up, we'll need a written agreement from both parties.

It's important to note that while this provides flexibility, both parents or caregivers remain jointly responsible for the full year's fees. If one account falls behind, the other may need to cover the shortfall, and any early payment discounts applied to one account may be withdrawn if the other is overdue. If you'd like to explore this option, please feel free to reach out—we're here to help!