



2025 Parent Fee Schedule

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.

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 contributions 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.

Please refer to the table below for 2025 fees and compulsory charge

Table 1: Parent Fee Schedule 2025

Class	Tuition Fee	Compulsory Charges	Total per annum	Amount per Term
Prep	\$7,273	\$1,371	\$8,644	\$2,161
Class 1	\$7,273	\$1,371	\$8,644	\$2,161
Class 2	\$7,273	\$1,371	\$8,644	\$2,161
Class 3	\$7,273	\$3,084	\$10,357	\$2,589
Class 4	\$7,273	\$3,445	\$10,718	\$2,680
Class 5	\$7,273	\$3,641	\$10,914	\$2,728
Class 6	\$7,273	\$4,414	\$11,687	\$2,922
Class 7	\$7,273	\$4,592	\$11,865	\$2,966
Class 8	\$8,753	\$3,549	\$12,302	\$3,075
Class 9	\$8,753	\$4,563	\$13,316	\$3,329
Class 10	\$8,753	\$4,505	\$13,258	\$3,314
Class 11	\$8,753	\$2,796	\$11,549	\$2,887
Class 12	\$8,753	\$2,148	\$10,900	\$2,725

What Your Fees Cover

We aim to provide clarity on how Parent Contributions are allocated to ensure your child’s education is well-supported:

- **Tuition Fees:** This supports the overall wages and operational costs of running the school.
- **Compulsory Charges:** These are specific to each year level and are payable in full. They cover:
 - **Materials:** High-quality stationery, resources, and equipment tailored to each class.
 - **Instrumental Music Lessons:** Compulsory small group lessons and ensembles for Classes 3–8, as well as Music Camp if applicable.
 - **Outdoor Education:** Camps and activities for Classes 3–12.
 - **Student Accident Insurance:** Coverage for all students during school-related activities.
- **School Device Access Levy:** High school students are provided with a school-managed device to ensure access to updated, fit-for-purpose technology. Separate communication regarding 2025 devices have been supplied to parents with children in, or entering, the High School. See table below.

Table 2: School Device Access Levy

Class	Cost
8	\$150
9	\$150
10	\$150
11	\$400
12	\$400

Note: In previous years, school device access levies were included within the compulsory charges. To enhance transparency, these levies will be presented in a separate table for 2025. Class 11 and 12 students will continue using the Dell laptops issued under the existing three-year lease arrangement. For other students, the transition to iPads represents a more cost-effective solution, with costs spread over five years. This extended cycle results in lower annual device costs for families while maintaining high-quality access to technology

Discounts

- **Early Payment Discount:** Save 5% on tuition fees by paying all contributions (tuition + compulsory charges) in full by the early payment due date. Please email svsaccounts@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 svsaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au to have your discount applied once you have received your annual statement.

Table 3: Parent Fee Schedule 2025

Number of Students	Discount on Tuition
2	12%
3	25%
4	40%
5	50%

Please note: Siblings in Pre-Prep levels are not included in this discount due to government subsidies for Kindy.

Additional Charges

Some costs may arise throughout the year for excursions, special camps, and extracurricular activities. These will be added to your account and must be settled within 7 days.

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 contributions. 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!