

2026 Parent Fee Schedule

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This schedule outlines the fees, levies, payment options and financial procedures for the 2026 school year. It is designed to give families a clear, practical overview of what fees cover, how payments can be managed, and who to contact for support.

If you have any questions, please contact Carla at svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

Tuition Fees and Charges for 2026

Table 1: 2026 Parent Fees Schedule

Class	Tuition Fee	Compulsory Charges	Total per annum	Amount per term
Prep	\$7528.00	\$1419.00	\$8947.00	\$2237.00
Class 1	\$7528.00	\$1419.00	\$8947.00	\$2237.00
Class 2	\$7528.00	\$1419.00	\$8947.00	\$2237.00
Class 3	\$7528.00	\$3192.00	\$10720.00	\$2680.00
Class 4	\$7528.00	\$3566.00	\$11094.00	\$2774.00
Class 5	\$7528.00	\$3768.00	\$11296.00	\$2824.00
Class 6	\$7528.00	\$4568.00	\$12096.00	\$3024.00
Class 7	\$7528.00	\$4753.00	\$12281.00	\$3070.00
Class 8	\$9059.00	\$3673.00	\$12732.00	\$3183.00
Class 9	\$9059.00	\$4723.00	\$13782.00	\$3446.00
Class 10	\$9059.00	\$4663.00	\$13722.00	\$3431.00
Class 11	\$9059.00	\$2894.00	\$11953.00	\$2988.00
Class 12	\$9059.00	\$2223.00	\$11282.00	\$2821.00

Notes on Compulsory Charges

Compulsory charges vary by year level and typically include

- classroom materials and specialist resources
- compulsory music program (Class 3 to Class 8)
- outdoor education program (Class 3 to Class 12)
- student accident insurance
- curriculum consumables
- subject-specific equipment or activities in the High School



Device Levy (High School)

This levy supports the school-managed device program for High School students.

Classes 8 to 11 use school-managed iPads, and Class 12 continue using their laptops issued under the existing lease cycle. The shift to a longer technology replacement cycle keeps annual costs lower while ensuring students have reliable, fit-for-purpose devices.

Table 2: School Device Access Levy

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

Discounts

Table 3: Sibling discount

Applied to tuition fees only. Number of Students	Discount on Tuition
2	12%
3	25%
4	40%
5	50%

Early Payment Discount

A five percent discount on tuition fees is available for families who pay the full year's fees and charges before the early payment due date. Once you receive your annual statement, email svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au to have the discount applied.

What your fees support

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees cover the school's core operational costs. These include staff wages, classroom programs, specialist subjects across Primary and High School, support services such as learning enrichment and wellbeing, site operations and maintenance, and general administration and compliance requirements.

Capital Works

Major building projects, including MADFLA, are funded through Block Grant Authority support and bank finance.

Compulsory Charges

These charges ensure your child has access to high-quality programs and resources that are an integral part of Steiner education at SVSS.



Examples include:

- class materials and equipment
- music program and ensembles
- outdoor education and camps
- accident insurance

curriculum-aligned activities across Primary and High School

Capital Works

Major building projects, including MADFLA, are primarily funded through Block Grant Authority support and bank finance.

OSHC Fees

OSHC services operate before school, after school and during vacation periods. Fees listed below are full fees before Child Care Subsidy is applied.

Table 4: OSHC Fees

Service Type	Session Time	Permanent Fee	Casual Fee
Before School Care	6.00am to 8.30am	\$21.00	\$25.00
After School Care	2.30am to 2.30pm	\$33.00	\$38.00
After School Care Half Day	12.00pm to 6.00pm	\$30.00	
After School Care Long Day	12.30pm to 6.00pm	\$41.00	
Vacation Care	6.30am to 6.00pm	\$100.00	\$115.00
Late collection fees	6.00pm onwards	\$10 per child for the first minute and \$3 for every additional minute	
Search fee		\$7 and triggered by a parent failing to notify OSHC that their child is not attending After School Care	



Meals provided to children in OSHC follow the current service model. These typically include breakfast for Before School Care, afternoon tea for After School Care and meals listed in the Vacation Care program. Additional excursion or incursion charges may apply.

OSHC bookings must be paid one week in advance. Accounts are issued fortnightly and must remain up to date to maintain access to the service. Families experiencing difficulty should contact the OSHC Coordinator as early as possible to discuss support options.

Vacation Care bookings – all OSHC accounts must be fully paid and up to date before any vacation Care booking can be approved.

Cancellation and absence policies for OSHC follow the regulatory requirements for Child Care Subsidy, including the use of the 42 initial absence days per financial year. Details will be confirmed in the final 2026 OSHC section.

All OSHC enquiries can be directed to the OSHC Coordinator at oshc@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au or by calling the OSHC office.

Kindy Fees

The Kindy fee structure is listed separately from Prep to Class 12 because the Queensland Government Kindy Funding subsidy applies to eligible Pre-Prep programs. The subsidy is applied directly to family accounts once enrolment is confirmed. Samford Steiner offers three Pre-Prep programs in 2026: a 3-day program a 4-day program and a 5-day program.

Table 5 –Kindy Fees 2026

Service Type	Total per Annum (after subsidy)	Amount per term (after subsidy)
3-day program	Free kindy	Free kindy
4-day program	\$2086.00	\$522.00
5-day program	\$4172.00	\$1043.00

The 3-day Pre-Prep program is usually fully subsidised for eligible families. The 4 and 5-day program receives the government subsidy for the first 600 hours, with families paying the remaining days. Subsidies are applied automatically through billing.

Sibling discounts apply only when two or more children are in Prep to Class 12. The state Kindy Funding model already provides substantial reductions for eligible Pre-Prep students, so the family discount does not apply to the subsidised Kindy component.

All payment options, early payment discount arrangements, temporary absence conditions, withdrawal notice requirements and hardship support described in the main fee schedule apply equally to Pre-Prep families.



Payment Options

We use a secure direct debit platform through TASS Parent Lounge for all school fee payments. Families can set up weekly, fortnightly, monthly, termly or annual payment schedules. Lump sum payments can be made at any time and will automatically reduce the remaining balance. Payment arrangements can be adjusted at any point through Parent Lounge under Accounts and Payments. The Accounts Team is available to help if required.

Our payment provider has recently increased the fees attached to card payments. Direct debit using a bank account (BSB and account number) does not attract any surcharge and is the most cost-effective option. Credit card transactions attract a surcharge, currently 1.4 percent for Visa and Mastercard and 1.88 percent for American Express. Families who wish to avoid surcharge fees are encouraged to update their payment method to direct debit.

Payment methods can be changed in Parent Lounge by opening the Accounts and Payments tab, selecting the School Fee Account and choosing New Payment Method. Once this has been updated, please email svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au so the change can be confirmed.

If families have any questions or require assistance, the Accounts Team is happy to help.

Split Accounts

Families may request a 50 50 split account if two parents or caregivers wish to pay fees separately. This arrangement requires written agreement from both parties. Both parties remain jointly responsible for the full annual fees. If one party falls behind, the other may be required to cover the shortfall. Early payment discounts apply only when both accounts are fully up to date.

Overdue Accounts

If an account becomes overdue without a formal arrangement in place, a monthly administrative fee may apply. The school may refer the account to a collection agency and any associated recovery costs may be added to the outstanding balance. Please contact the Accounts Team early if you anticipate difficulty meeting payments.

Temporary Absence and Withdrawal

Short term absences of up to one term do not reduce the tuition fees payable. Families must provide one full term's written notice of withdrawal. Fees in lieu of notice may apply if adequate notice is not provided.



Financial Hardship and support

Families experiencing financial difficulty should contact the school as early as possible to discuss available options. Support may include revised payment plans, short term arrangements or referral to Edstart if extended payment flexibility is needed. Any hardship arrangement must be agreed in writing and reviewed periodically.

Edstart is an optional external provider offering payment plans beyond the school year. A service charge applies. Families interested in this option can email svssaccounts@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au for details.

Contact Details

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