



Samford Valley Steiner School is a not-for-profit organisation and all Parent Contributions and levies are used to enable the children's education and the provision of related facilities. The school endeavours to keep Parental Contributions to a minimum affordable level commensurate with the quality of the education it provides and the actual running costs of the school.

Enrolment Contributions

| Enrolment – Application Contribution (Places name on waiting list) | \$200 | per child |
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| Enrolment – Acceptance Contribution (Confirms acceptance of offer) | \$1,000 | per family |

Parent Contributions

1. Parent Contributions (per annum)

Tuition contribution and compulsory charges are billed yearly in advance. There are two payment options:

- Option 1. Early Payment Discount (see below): The full amount is due and payable before the end of the first week of Term 1.
- **Option 2.** FACTS: The full amount is due and payable by instalments through setting up a payment plan in the School's online payment system, FACTS.

| | Tuition Contribution | Compulsory Charges | Total per annum (ex Works Levy) | Total per term (ex Works Levy) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pre-Prep 3 days per week* | \$4,156 | \$328 | \$4,484 | \$1,121 |
| Pre-Prep 5 days per week* | \$5,928 | \$548 | \$6,476 | \$1,619 |
| Prep | \$5,928 | \$548 | \$6,476 | \$1,619 |
| Primary Class 1 | \$5,928 | \$544 | \$6,472 | \$1,618 |
| Primary Class 2 | \$5,928 | \$544 | \$6,472 | \$1,618 |
| Primary Class 3 | \$5,928 | \$1,992 | \$7,920 | \$1,980 |
| Primary Class 4 | \$5,928 | \$2,296 | \$8,224 | \$2,056 |
| Primary Class 5 | \$5,928 | \$2,460 | \$8,388 | \$2,097 |
| Primary Class 6 | \$5,928 | \$2,916 | \$8,844 | \$2,211 |
| Primary Class 7 | \$5,928 | \$3,064 | \$8,992 | \$2,248 |
| Secondary Class 8 | \$7,132 | \$2,424 | \$9,556 | \$2,389 |
| Secondary Class 9 | \$7,132 | \$3,080 | \$10,212 | \$2,553 |
| Secondary Class 10 | \$7,132 | \$2,232 | \$9,364 | \$2,341 |
| Secondary Class 11 | \$7,132 | \$1,704 | \$8,836 | \$2,209 |
| Secondary Class 12 | \$7,132 | \$1,304 | \$8,436 | \$2,109 |

^{*} Please contact the school office for information on the 2 day per week Pre-Prep option.

Contributions and charges in the table above are reviewed annually, but may also be amended from time to time as deemed necessary by the management of the school.

Compulsory Charges cover costs that are applicable for specific year levels. These charges are payable in full and do **not** attract discounts or refunds for absence. It covers the following areas of costs:

- Materials. Basic materials and resources are supplied, specific to each class's needs. The school will replace items based on normal usage. Students are provided with high quality stationery and equipment and are encouraged to treat them with care. It is the responsibility of parents to pay for damaged and/or lost items. Replacement items will be charged to your account.
- Instrumental Music Lessons. Compulsory small group lessons and ensembles for Classes 3 8.
- Outdoor Education. Outdoor Education Camps for Classes 3 12.
- Insurance. Student Accident Insurance.

2. Works Levy (per annum)

A Works Levy of **\$800** is charged per annum per family (\$200 per term). This levy is refundable, via credits to your account, based on attendance at scheduled Working Bees.

3. Discounts

- **Early Payment Discount.** 5% of tuition contributions only, if all contributions (including tuition, compulsory charges and works levy) are paid annually in advance by the due date.
- **Sibling Discount.** Applicable to tuition contributions only:

| 2 students | 12% | 4 students | 40% |
|------------|-----|------------|-----|
| 3 students | 25% | 5 students | 50% |

Additional Charges

Enrolment Application

An Enrolment Application Contribution of \$200 per student is payable at the time an enrolment form is lodged. This Contribution is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Enrolment Acceptance

An Acceptance Contribution of \$1,000 per family is payable upon acceptance of an offer of enrolment. This Contribution only applies to the first child from a family and is non-refundable. An Acceptance Contribution will only be taken once the payment terms and affordability of Contributions has been discussed and accepted and an Enrolment Acceptance Form submitted.

Excursions

Excursion costs will be invoiced directly by the school. In certain cases students may be required to pay in advance depending on excursion arrangements.

Extra-Curricula Activities

Charges for all extra curricula activities, such as Performances, Horse Riding/Rock Climbing/Sailing/ etc., will be invoiced directly by the school and are payable within 7 days of billing date.

Musical Instruments

Recorders supplied from school stock will be charged to your account. Items associated with the Instrumental Music Program, including repairs and replacement, will be charged to your account. Stringed instruments are purchased directly by parents at their own expense.

Special Camps

Special camps (e.g. end of primary school camp) may incur additional charges, depending on the activity undertaken and any related costs. You will be notified in advance of any such costs. Costs will be charged to your account.

Discounts

Early Payment Discount

An early payment discount of 5% is applied to tuition contributions only when school Contributions (including tuition contributions, compulsory charges and works levy) are paid annually in advance by the due date.

Sibling Discount

A sibling discount is applicable to families with more than one child at Samford Valley Steiner School.

The sibling discount, of 12% for two children, 25% for three children, 40% for four children and 50% for five children, is applied to tuition contributions only.

Payment of Accounts

Terms of payment

Enrolling your children at the School includes making a commitment to making the required financial contribution to enable provision of the education. It is essential that all accounts are paid in full by the due date. Families experiencing difficulty in meeting payment deadlines should contact the Economic Development Manager to make special arrangements for settlement. Unless a formal arrangement is mutually agreed in writing all accounts outstanding after the due date will be considered overdue.

Responsibility for Paying Contributions

All signatories to the Enrolment Contract are jointly and severally liable for the payment of all contributions and charges incurred. For any change to this arrangement the school needs to be notified in writing by all signatories on the Enrolment Contract and the school needs to agree to this variation, in writing.

Overdue Accounts

The Economic Development Manager will take whatever steps are deemed necessary to recover overdue accounts and any accounts referred to a Debt Collection Agency or Solicitor will have all collection costs added to the outstanding balance. The school may, at its discretion, suspend a student pending settlement of an outstanding account. Enrolment of additional siblings may not be accepted while an overdue account remains unpaid. Overdue accounts may have an administrative fee of \$25 per month added to the account each month.

Temporary Absence of a Student

For temporary student absences of up to one term, the full term's tuition contributions will be charged. Absences of longer than one term's duration need to be negotiated by special agreement and may incur additional charges.

Notice of Withdrawal of a Student

One term's notice in writing is required advising the withdrawal of a student from the school, otherwise one term's tuition contribution may be charged in lieu of such notice.

Tax Deductible Building Fund (Optional)

Families are encouraged to donate to the school's Building Fund. Donations are fully tax deductible and enable the school to continue to improve its facilities.