

# Fee and Finance Information 2025



**McAuley  
Community  
School**

A Catholic school  
in the Mercy tradition

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## **Introduction**

McAuley Community School is a welcoming Catholic community where we embody the Mercy values, here children learn and grow holistically, in a safe and nurturing environment so they can thrive and imagine new possibilities.

Each student's education is a joint responsibility between school and parents of McAuley Community School. We look forward to working together in your child/ren's ongoing development.

Fees are an essential part of the school's income to provide the best possible learning environment for your child/ren. All Catholic schools receive Australian and State Government funding, which helps to cover the cost of teachers' salaries. The income from School Fees pays for the broader operational needs of the school. For example; loan payments for capital development, non-teaching salaries, curriculum resources, ongoing professional learning, electricity, water, rates, CEO levies and charges.

Provided in this policy is more information about the fees and other costs associated with their child's education.

## **McAuley Community School Finance Officer**

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## Fees for 2025

School Fees are set each year by the Finance Committee based on the financial requirements of the school to maintain a level of quality for its students whilst having consideration for the financial capacity of the community it is serving.

Approval for all fees is given by the School Board.

	TUITION FEE (PER STUDENT)
<b>Reception – Year 4</b>	\$4,500
Lower income families	\$2,217
<b>Year 5 and 6</b>	\$5,550
Lower income families	\$2,718

### TUITION FEE

This annual fee is based on your child's/children's year level. The fee is billed in full at the beginning of the year and can be paid in instalments throughout the year. The fee covers both the tuition aspect of your child's education as well as all educational materials and resources for the year, including the costs for sports, excursions, incursions, and the school camp program.

This fee includes the cost of all ICT devices, infrastructure, hardware, software and maintenance of the ICT facilities. It also is used to pay for capital works, loan payments, costs of refurbishment, grounds and maintenance upkeep.

In order to keep additional billing for families to a minimum we have endeavoured to make the fee as all-inclusive as we possibly can.

A list of items not covered by this fee are contained within this document.

## Payment of Fees

Payments can be made in full or by an approved payment plan. We encourage all families to set up weekly, fortnightly, monthly or per term direct debit payments. Payment options include:

- Direct Debit – deductions from your bank account (forms available from the office)
- BPay – reference numbers are printed on invoices and statements
- Credit Card – Visa or Mastercard (forms available from the office, via phone or attend the office)
- Cash or Cheque

Under the Terms of the Enrolment Agreement, signed by all enrolling parents/caregivers, payment of the fees charged is expected in full. All family accounts will be set up and billed in line with the contractual enrolment forms signed by parents/caregivers when they enrolled their child/children at McAuley Community School.

Payment by instalments using any of the options listed above, with payment to be made in full or on a per term, monthly, bi-monthly/fortnightly or weekly basis.

Under this instalment plan arrangement, all payments will commence February and conclude by the end of November each year ensuring all fees for the year are fully paid.

Fee instalments for one student for 2025 Fees would be:

	<b>PER TERM (4 PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>MONTHLY (10 PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>FORTNIGHTLY (20 PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>WEEKLY (40 PAYMENTS)</b>
<b>Rec-Yr 4</b>	\$1,125	\$450	\$225	\$112.50
Lower income	\$554.25	\$221.70	\$110.85	\$55.43
<b>Yr 5 – 6</b>	\$1,387.50	\$555	\$277.50	\$138.75
Lower income	\$679.50	\$271.80	\$135.90	\$69.95

Direct Debit or Direct Credit Card are our preferred payment methods however we understand for some families they will not be able to use these methods. Parents/Caregivers proposing to pay their fees by any other arrangement will be required to contact the School and seek confirmation. We ask that you contact the Business Manager at McAuley Community School no later than 28 February.

**Parents/Caregivers are reminded that it is their responsibility to pay their fees in a timely manner. All students are enrolled on the understanding that fees will be paid promptly in the year in which they are incurred.**

**Non-payment of fees is a breach of your enrolment contract and can affect the continued enrolment of your child/children at McAuley Community School. The School uses the services of a Debt Collection Agency for the timely collection of all outstanding fees if needed.**

## **Mid-Year Reception Intake 2025**

Students starting Reception in July 2025 as part of our mid-year intake will enjoy a fee free education for the July to December period. Costs will only be incurred for any additional charges eg private music lessons. Fees will commence for these families for their child's first full year of Reception commencing January 2026.

## **Separated Families / Splitting of Fees Accounts**

As previously mentioned, family accounts will be billed as per the signed enrolment forms. Where this represents a separated family, the School expects the enrolling parents/caregivers to work out payment arrangements between themselves, ensuring all fees are paid. Any such arrangement will have no bearing on the joint and/or separate liability that exists via the enrolment documentation.

The School is able to split fee accounts but will always reserve the right to maintain the joint and/or separate liability of all enrolling parents/caregivers at all times. If separate accounts are required, please advise the Business Manager prior to the school year starting.

## **Withdrawal of a Student**

A full term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student. Failure to give such notice will involve the payment of a withdrawal fee of a terms fees in accordance with our current Fee Policy, irrespective of the date the student may leave during the term.

## Discounts on Tuition Fees

To assist parents/caregivers in paying fees, the following discounts are offered by McAuley Community School.

### FAMILY/SIBLING DISCOUNTS:

McAuley Community School grants sibling discount for families with multiple students attending McAuley Community School.

The following discounts off Tuition Fees will apply in 2025:

	DISCOUNT
Two Children	10%
Three Children	17%
Four Children	22%

**Please note, discounts do not apply to siblings enrolled at ALIVE Catholic Early Learning Centre or other schools.**

### SCHOOL CARD DISCOUNT:

The lower income families fee of \$2,217 for Reception to Year 4 students, and \$2,718 for Year 5 to 6 students will be applied for anyone who is approved for School Card. Forms are available at the beginning of the year and need to be completed each year in a timely manner. Your 2022/23 joint family income for approval is \$70,994 for 1 child. Forms can be requested from the Business Manager, Rachel Miller at McAuley Community School or online at <https://www.sa.gov.au>

## Additional Fee Remission / Fee Reduction

Any Parents/Caregivers requiring further financial assistance beyond those offered via discounts, or where financial circumstances have changed significantly, can apply for further fee assistance.

Applying for additional fee assistance will require the completion of an Application Form involving the divulging of financial information and an interview with the Principal and / or Business Manager.

Parents/Caregivers applying for fee assistance will be advised of the outcome of the application and the payment plan required to be paid for the year. If possible, we ask that all applications for fee assistance are received by 28 February.

Applications Forms for remission can be obtained from the Business Manager, Rachel Miller at McAuley Community School.

All requests for fees assistance need to be reviewed on an annual basis, so it is necessary to apply each year.

## **Other Costs**

***The following costs are not covered in the Tuition Fee:***

### **SPORTS TOPS:**

The School Out of Hours sports tops will be available to purchase via the Noone online uniform platform.

### **IT DEVICE REPAIRS:**

The School, via the IT Technicians employed, will deal with issues students have with the school issued IT devices and repair damage where possible. Families will be charged for all repairs not covered by warranty if it is deemed the student intentionally caused the damage. Families will be charged for the loss of the device or accessories.

### **INDIVIDUAL MUSIC TUITION FROM MUSIC TUTOR AND/OR HIRE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:**

All arrangements for musical tuition are agreements between families and the individual tutor(s) and do not involve the School.

### **OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE & VACATION CARE**

Our school provides onsite OSHC & Vacation Care services. This is a separate service and parents will receive fees and charges in accordance with their usage.

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