



2019 FEE SCHEDULE

The Fee Schedule will provide you comprehensive information about our fees, discounts, benefits and other services. All fees and charges outlined in the 2019 Fee Schedule are effective from the 1 January 2019.

Fee Inclusions/Exclusions

The fees charged by the school are '*All Inclusive*'.

Fee Inclusions:

Tuition & Curriculum fees ■ Excursions ■ Camps ■ 24/7 Accident Insurance for all school related activities ■ Stationery ■ Printing ■ Student Diary ■ Strings Program (Classes 3 – 7) ■ Pentatonic & Descant Recorders (Classes 1 & 3)

Fee Exclusions:

Additional Stationery ■ Additional Printing & Paper ■ Instrument Hire ■ VET or External Subjects ■ Private Music Tuition ■ Additional Subject Material ■ Student Exchange Program ■ Snow Trip ■ Japan Trip

Fee Components

The School fees are comprised of two components,

Tuition Fee - Covers the cost associated with wages, utilities, facilities etc or the normal operation of the school.

Curriculum Fee - Covers a portion of the costs directly/indirectly related to each student, ie: camps, excursions, swimming program, materials, stationery, IT requirements etc.

Application & Enrolment

A non-refundable application fee of \$65 (GST Incl.) per child or \$100 per family is required to place a student on the waiting list.

An enrolment fee of \$350 per child is required to be paid once an offer of a position at the School is accepted. Payment of this fee must accompany the Enrolment Form and is required before a student commences at the School. The enrolment fee is non-refundable.

Building Fund

When you arrive at Mt Barker Waldorf School you are presented with 20 acres of land which has been harmoniously landscaped to provide an open environment of peace and beauty with play areas and gardens surrounding some innovative and artistic buildings for their time. Our Building Fund helps ensure facilities are maintained and/or replaced at excellent standards so that learning is stimulated and each child reaches their potential.

The Building Fund contribution is a non-compulsory annual donation, appearing on a per family basis. This contribution allows for the continued upgrade, maintenance and improvement of the facilities of the School. The Building Fund contribution is Tax Deductible.

Donations of \$400-\$800 per student per year is suggested. Additional donations can be made at any time to the fund. Donation forms are available on the School's website at www.mtbarkerwaldorf.sa.edu.au

All families are encouraged to donate to this important fund.

Payment of Fees

Fees are invoiced one term in advance on a term-by-term basis. Statements will be sent on a monthly basis by email. Fees are due for payment 30 days after the Invoice date.

An instalment plan may be available from the School but must be approved by the Principal or Business Manager, approval may be withdrawn at any time at their discretion. Families wishing to use this option are required to submit a signed Fee Payment by Instalment Agreement by the relevant due date detailed on the Agreement.

Parents/guardians who fail to pay fees by the due date or to pay periodic payments in accordance with the agreed terms of the Instalment Agreement will be considered to be in breach of their enrolment agreement and will be dealt with in accordance with the Debt Collection Policy

We provide several options for fee payment, which include credit card, EFTPOS, Direct Debit and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

Rebates/Concessions

Early Payment

A rebate of 7.5% is applied to tuition fees if a full year's fees are paid on or before 14 February of each year.

A rebate of 5% is applied to tuition fees if the invoice is paid within 14 days of the invoice date. Discounts will not be applied to accounts for payments received after this time.

Sibling

The sibling discount is a rebate given off the tuition portion of the fees for multiple children from the one family attending the school.

Second Child	15%	Third Child	40%
Fourth Child	60%	Fifth & subsequent child	90%

School Card

Non-Government Schools do not receive funding under this scheme but Mt Barker Waldorf School provides a fee remission for low-income families who meet the eligibility criteria for the State Government School Card Scheme for Non-Government Schools. The scheme is administered by The Department of Education and Child Development who then notify the school of a person's eligibility.

All school families will be charged full fees and an adjustment will be made to their account upon the School receiving State Government approval. As eligibility may change from year to year, the School Card fee rate cannot be assumed.

It is important to note that:

- ◆ The discount applies from the term the application is submitted, not back dated.
- ◆ Forms are available from <http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/educationskills-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>
- ◆ If fees are in *arrears* and an approved Payment Plan is not in place the fee remission *will not* be applied.
- ◆ Eligible families will receive a fee remission of \$275 per child per term.

Current School Card families are required to re-apply each year

Bursaries

Financial assistance is available on a limited basis in the form of a Bursary. A Bursary is a special discount that is based on financial hardship above and beyond that of the School Card Discount for families who find themselves in a situation where they are experiencing *short-term* financial hardship. Application forms are available from the Business Manager.

All rebates and concessions are based on the Tuition Fee component of the fees only.

Miscellaneous Information

Student Accident Insurance Scheme - The School has a 24/7 student accident insurance scheme included in school fees that covers students while participating in school related activities (conditions apply). Please contact the Front Office for details of benefits and claim forms. It is important to note that legislation prevents any expense covered by Medicare from being claimed, this includes any “gap”.

Student Exchange Program - Students in classes 10 & 11 are able to participate in the International Student Exchange Program. There is an administrative fee of \$250.00 *plus GST* for all students approved to participate.

Strings Program - The Strings Program from 2018 will now include classes 3 to 7. Instrument and Tuition costs for the program for Classes 3 - 5 are included in the fees charged. The strings program for classes 6 and 7 covers the tuition costs only, costs associated with instrument hire or purchase are additional and parent responsibility.

Camps - Camps are a compulsory component of the curriculum at Mt Barker Waldorf School. All students in years 3 - 12 are required to attend camp. There is no concession or refund for students not attending camp.

Private Music Tuition - The School facilitates private music tuition on site, during school hours. The tuition is provided by qualified visiting music tutors and billed directly to the parent by the tutor. Further information is available from the Music Teacher. Instrument hire is responsibility of the parent but can be arranged through the school. This is a separate charge and is dealt with directly between you and the hire company. Further information is available from the Music Teacher.

Playgroup - The school operates a playgroup for children aged two to four for half a day a week, Monday to Friday. A playgroup for first time parents and babies under one-year old is also offered half a day a week. Further information is available from the Registrar.

Separated families - The School does not produce split accounts for families; it is an expectation that parents will negotiate payment of full school fees outside of the School.

Student Withdrawal - One term's notice, in writing, addressed to the Registrar is required for the intended withdrawal of a student from the school. If the correct amount of notice is not provided one term's fees will be charged *In Lieu of Notice*. **Full fees** are payable for the term in which the student has started regardless of the notice or the days attended.

Payment of Fees - Your commitment to full payment of fees is anticipated by the School when you accept your place at enrolment. Should you anticipate a problem with the payment of fees, contact the Finance Officer or Business Manager before term commencement so that the matter may be discussed on a confidential basis. When no contact is made with the School it will be assumed that you do have the ability to pay and this will place you outside of the Fee Policy.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must inform the School if there is a change in their relationship with each other since signing the Application Form and/or the Enrolment Form (e.g. divorce or separation). Unless otherwise directed, the School will require that a new School Fee Payment Agreement be completed by the person who is to assume the obligation of paying the School fees.

All new enrolments for the 2019 school year and beyond are required to pay one term's fees in advance prior to children commencing

Terms & Conditions

Terms and conditions for the payment of fees are subject to change from time to time and parents will be notified by the issue of a new or revised Fee Schedule or via other published document. The terms and conditions outlined below supplement, support and replace, as required, those found in the Enrolment Agreement originally signed on acceptance of a position at Mount Barker Waldorf School.

- Fees are due and payable as indicated by the due date on invoices.
- Any payments outside these terms **MUST** be pre-arranged with the Business Manager or Principal each year, and will require a signed Fee Payment Agreement.

- The School is entitled to charge interest on overdue accounts from the due date at the rate charged by the School's Bankers for the overdraft facility plus 1% per annum calculated on a daily basis, and to recover all expenses incurred in pursuing recovery of overdue accounts. This amount will be added to your account on a monthly basis. The current interest rate is 7.27% which may vary from time to time.
- Liability for payment of accounts rests jointly and severally with the person(s) signing the Mt Barker Waldorf School Enrolment Agreement. If both parents have signed the Enrolment Form, one parent cannot remove themselves from the enrolment contract without written consent from the School and the other enrolling parent.
- If fees remain in arrears for two terms or more or there is continued non-payment of fees the process to cancel the student's enrolment will be commenced. **The school reserves the right to not allow a student to commence a term until all fees and charges are paid.** Any student whose fees remain overdue may be ineligible to participate in optional extra-curricular activity, such as overseas tours, camps etc until such time as fees are brought up to date or an approved payment plan is in place.
- In situations when fee retrieval action is required, all costs incurred by Mt Barker Waldorf School in pursuing the debt, including legal costs, solicitor's fees, administration costs and collection / mercantile agency costs will be passed on to the family.
- The cost of replacing lost or damaged library books, IT equipment and lost or damaged school property will be charged to the family via an invoice and are subject to the same late payment conditions as fees.
- To stand for or hold a position of leadership or office in any School body or committee, members of the Association need to be up to date with their fees unless by prior agreement with the Business Manager or Principal.
- It is a requirement that recipients of the School Card Discount or a Bursary remain up-to-date with the payment of fees. Failing to keep to the commitment may mean the cancellation of the assistance and full fees being applied.

Fees & Charges

The fees and charges for 2019 are:

Class		Tuition Fee (Term Fee)	Curriculum Fee (Term Fee)	Total (Term Fee)	Annual Fee
Playgroup		\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$700.00
1 st Year Kindy	2 Days	\$456.50	\$236.50	\$693.00	\$2,772.00
	4 Days	\$913.00	\$473.00	\$1,386.00	\$5,544.00
2 nd Year Kindy	3 Days	\$684.75	\$354.75	\$1,039.50	\$4,158.00
	5 Days	\$1,037.50	\$537.50	\$1,575.00	\$6,300.00
K - 1		\$1,037.50	\$537.50	\$1,575.00	\$6,300.00
2 - 6		\$1,062.50	\$712.50	\$1,775.00	\$7,100.00
7 - 9		\$1,200.00	\$825.00	\$2,025.00	\$8,100.00
10 - 12		\$1,212.50	\$987.50	\$2,200.00	\$8,800.00

The school requires one full term's notice in writing of a student's withdrawal, or fees equivalent to one term are payable in lieu of notice.