



# 2021 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 2021 Fee Schedule are effective from the release of the Fee Schedule.

## FEE INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

The fees charged by the school are ‘**All Inclusive**’ and include but not limited to the following:

- ✓ Excursions ✓ Camps ✓ Insurance ✓ Stationery (Primary School) ✓ Printing/Photocopying ✓ Student Diary
- ✓ Strings Program (Classes 3 – 7) ✓ Recorders (Classes 1 & 3)

Fee Exclusions include but are not limited to:

- ✗ Additional Stationery ✗ Additional Printing/Photocopying ✗ Instrument Hire ✗ VET or External Subjects
- ✗ Private Music Tuition ✗ Student Exchange Program ✗ Snow & Japan Trips ✗ Lost/Broken Instrument or equipment

## FEE COMPONENTS

The School fees are comprised of two components:

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| <b>Tuition Fee</b>    | Covers the cost associated with wages, utilities, facilities etc or the normal operation of the school.  |
| <b>Curriculum Fee</b> | Covers a portion of the costs directly/indirectly related to each student, i.e. 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

## PAYMENT OF FEES

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| <b>FACTS</b>   |
| Mount Barker Waldorf School has partnered with FACTS Australia to make it easy for you to manage school fee payments. You can smooth out your fees evenly across the school year into weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly instalments. Fees are billed on an annual basis on 1 Nov (or next working day) of each year. |

| When to Pay  | How to Pay  | Assistance   |
|--|---|--|
| Due dates for Quarterly payments and Early Payment Discount are indicated on the Invoice. Weekly, fortnightly and monthly instalment options must have all fees paid by 31 Oct of each year. | Fees are to be paid by creating a payment plan using the FACTS system.<br><br>Each year you will receive an email inviting you to create your payment plan. | If you need help in creating your payment plan you can use the “FACTS Setup Guide” or by contacting the FACTS Helpdesk on 1300 322 871 |

## REBATES/CONCESSIONS

### Early Payment Rebate

- 7.5% Rebate applied to tuition fees, after all other discounts, if a full year’s fees are paid on or before 1 February of each year.
- 5% Rebate applied to tuition fees, after all other discounts, if the invoice is paid by the set date.

## Sibling Concessions

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

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| <b>Second Child</b> | 15% | <b>Third Child</b>                  | 40% |
| <b>Fourth Child</b> | 60% | <b>Fifth &amp; subsequent child</b> | 90% |

All rebates and concessions are calculated on the **Tuition Fee** component of the fees only

## School Card

Non-Government Schools do not receive funding under this scheme, but Mount 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 for Education 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 <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>. Applications can also be completed online at the same link. 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 \$280 per child per term and is applied to the families' account. The school is not responsible for determining the payment requirements for separated families if one parent/caregiver is eligible and the other is not.

***Current School Card families are required to re-apply in January 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.

## Scholarships

The school currently has a STEAM scholarship available for high school students for up to \$4000. Application forms are available from the Front Office.

## 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 and 11 can 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 is for 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 are a parent responsibility.

### Camps

Camps are a compulsory component of the curriculum at Mount Barker Waldorf School. All students in Classes 3 - 12 are required to attend camp. There is no concession or refund for students not attending camp. Throughout the year opportunities may arise for students to participate in additional activities and/or trips. In the past these have included a

Journey to Japan, trips to the snow fields of Australia and an overseas journey to Germany. These additional activities are not included in the fees and are an additional cost for parents/caregivers which are required to be paid prior to the students leaving.

### **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 the 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 School's Registrar. Playgroup Fees will be invoiced separately to School fees and can be paid directly to the school.

### **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 Business Manager 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).

*All new enrolments 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 on invoices. Any payments outside these terms MUST be pre-arranged with the Business Manager or Principal each year and will require an approved 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 4.53% which may vary from time to time.
- Liability for payment of accounts rests jointly and severally with the person(s) signing the Mount 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 Mount 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 annual fees and charges for 2021 are:

| Playgroup                 |
|---------------------------|
| \$800.00 (\$200 per term) |

| Pre-school |             |                |            |
|------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Days       | Tuition Fee | Curriculum Fee | Total      |
| 2 Days     | \$1,880.00  | \$980.00       | \$2,860.00 |
| 4 Days     | \$3,760.00  | \$1,940.00     | \$5,700.00 |
| 5 Days     | \$4,280.00  | \$2,200.00     | \$6,480.00 |

| School  |             |                |            |
|---------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Class   | Tuition Fee | Curriculum Fee | Total      |
| K - 1   | \$4,280.00  | \$2,200.00     | \$6,480.00 |
| 2 - 6   | \$4,380.00  | \$2,940.00     | \$7,320.00 |
| 7 - 9   | \$5,000.00  | \$3,420.00     | \$8,420.00 |
| 10 - 12 | \$5,040.00  | \$4,120.00     | \$9,160.00 |

*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.*

## BUILDING FUND

When you arrive at Mount 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. This contribution allows for the continued upgrade, maintenance, and improvement of the facilities of the School. The Building Fund contribution is Tax Deductible.

Donation forms are available from the Front Office or the School's website at [www.mtbarkerwaldorf.sa.edu.au](http://www.mtbarkerwaldorf.sa.edu.au).

*All families are encouraged to donate to this important fund. This is an Investment in not only your Child(rens) future but also the School's. We look forward to your support.*