



# Freshwater Creek Steiner School

## Fees/Tuition 2017

- Fees are invoiced monthly and may be paid in 10 instalments through the year from February through to November on the first Tuesday of each month. Each monthly instalment is 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the total Fees/Tuition invoice amount.
- Playgroup and Stepping Stones fees are invoiced at the beginning of each term and are payable upfront, in full.
- Families are more than welcome to begin payments early (ie begin in 2017 for 2018).
- Any Deposits already paid may be deducted from your first instalments.
- Payment methods:  
Cheque, Eftpos or Cash (*for security reasons it is preferred that cash payments are made via the Bendigo Bank rather than at the school office*)  
Internet Banking direct deposit – paid directly into our Bendigo Bank Account:

**Bendigo Bank Account: BSB 633 000 Account # 130 168 859**

***(IMPORTANT: Please reference any internet or bank branch deposits with 'fees' and your child's name)***

- The Building/Library Fund Levy is a voluntary contribution of \$100 per family per annum. The Building/Library Fund finances Capital Works and Library acquisitions at our school and hence is a vital part of establishing our new buildings, resources and grounds. Any donations to the Building/Library fund are fully Tax deductible. FWCSS gratefully accepts additional donations to the Building/Library Fund. If paid, a receipt will be issued so that families may claim the donation. Any amount is greatly appreciated.
- Site Maintenance Contribution (Prep – Class 6 families): This contribution will appear on your first fees statement for the year and **is fully refundable** via the attendance of at least one family representative to at least 4 full working bees per year (1 working bee of minimum 4 hours duration, per term). The amount is refunded in four instalments, each being paid at the end of the term.
- Fees will increase each year by CPI plus 3%.

<b>Enrolment Fees</b>	
Expression of Interest Fee - Payable on lodgement of a Expression of Interest to Enrol form. Non-refundable, non-transferable.	\$50
Acceptance of Enrolment Fee – Payable on acceptance of enrolment (PK-6). Non-refundable, non-transferable.	\$450

<b>Playgroup – due and payable at the beginning of each term</b>	
Playgroup	\$148.75/term
Stepping Stones Playgroup	\$232.50/term

<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b>		<b>Annual Fee</b>
1 day		\$2245

<b>Kindergarten ('Funded' Year)</b>		<b>Annual Fee</b>
3 days		\$5215
<p>Holders of a valid HCC, Pensioner Concession Card, Visa 785, Visa 786, or Dept. of Vet. Affairs Gold Card are eligible for a DHS Fee Subsidy (\$1433/child/year) in the 'Funded' Year. (*Subject to increase via DHS.) This is directly credited against fees. If you become eligible for one of these cards during the year, please advise your teacher so you can claim a pro rata concession based on when you became eligible. If you cease to be eligible the pro rata difference will be re-billed to your account.</p>		

<b>Primary School</b>	
Prep	\$5980
Junior Primary (Classes 1 and 2)	\$6065
Middle Primary (Classes 3 and 4)	\$6750
Senior Primary (Classes 5 and 6)	\$6845

<b>Sibling discounts (available across all year levels, PG-6) – applies to current enrolments only</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Child enrolled	Full fees
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child enrolled	30% discount
3 <sup>rd</sup> Child enrolled	40% discount
4 <sup>th</sup> and subsequent child enrolled	Free

<b>Other</b>		
Building/Library Levy	Voluntary contribution per family (tax deductible)	\$100
Site Maintenance Contribution (Prep-6 only)	Contribution per Family, <b>fully refundable</b> via attendance to at least 4 full working bees over a year.	\$600
Instrument Cost	Violin (Class 3-6) or Cello (Class 3-6)  <b>Note:</b> Students may provide their own instrument in consultation with the Music teacher. Indicative cost only – the exact cost of instrument hire will be determined in Term 1, and if greater, parents will be advised by letter	Hire: \$188 pa Hire: \$300 pa

<b>School Children – Allowances &amp; Bonus</b>		
<p>Information and application forms for these allowances are circulated at the beginning of each school year. If you are joining the school community later in the year, please request application forms from the Admin Office.</p>		
Conveyance (Travel) Allowance (Families must meet Govt criteria)		Paid in 4 instalments, at the end of each term. For more information including payment rates per km, please visit <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyance.aspx">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyance.aspx</a>
Camps, Sports, and Excursions (CSEF) Fund	\$125.00 per child pa	Available for Primary students whose parents hold a valid Health Care Card and meet eligibility criteria. See <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef">www.education.vic.gov.au/csef</a> for more details