



2019 FEE INFORMATION

Please find attached Shepparton Christian College's 2019 Fee Schedule. Fees have increased by 5% from 2018 with the exception of Prep to Grade 2 which has only increased by 1%. Each year the Board strives to keep fee increases to a minimum however education costs continue to increase well above CPI increases.

Any queries regarding 2019 Fees can be directed to the Finance team (Kelvin Wood and Berny Jorgji).

Fee Statements

Annual College fees are generated at the beginning of each year and Fee Statements are sent out at the beginning of each term.

Discounts

- Sibling Discount
A sibling discount of 25% for a second child, 50% for a 3rd child and 100% for a 4th child is provided for families.
- Early Payment Discount
A discount of 5% is offered for full payment of College fees by the end of February of the school year. Please note this discount applies to College fees only* (please refer to attached 2019 Fee Schedule)
- Pastor/Staff Discount
Fee discounts are available for staff and pastors.

Fee Assistance/Concessions

- **Financial Hardship**
Concessions are available for families with demonstrated financial hardship. Please complete a confidential "Financial Hardship" form, available at the College office, for concession consideration. If you require further information, please speak with the Principal or Business Manager.
- **Health Care Card**
A discount of 25% off College fees* (please refer to attached 2019 Fee Schedule) will be applied for Health Care Card Holders upon the successful submission of a CSEF application (see below).
- **Camp, Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF)**
CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent are eligible to apply for CSEF. Annual amounts are approx. \$125 for a primary student and \$225 for a secondary student. The allowance is paid to the school and will be allocated to camp, sporting or excursion costs at the direction of the parent. Any monies not expended will carry over to the following school year.
Application forms are available at the College office. Please note that applications will automatically roll over each year. For more information about CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Building Fee Levy

The Building Fee Levy is a compulsory charge to contribute towards the provision and maintenance of buildings. It is not tax deductible and non-refundable.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Subjects

VET subject levies vary depending on the provider. Students who have chosen VET subjects through another education provider (eg TAFE), will be informed of the cost. Charges generally vary between \$2000-\$3000. The board has agreed to subsidise half the cost of each course. The College will pay the full cost directly to the VET provider. 50% will then be charged to each student's College fee statement.

Distance Education Subjects

Students who have chosen to complete a VCE subject by distance education will be informed of the cost. Subjects through Distance Education Centre Victoria are approx. \$810 per year. The College Board has agreed to cover half this cost. The College will pay the full cost directly to the DE provider. 50% will then be charged to each student's College fee statement.

Regular Payments Required

All accounts should be paid in full by 31st December. It is College policy that all fees be paid on a regular payment schedule. This can be weekly, fortnightly, monthly or term by term. It is required that 25% of fees be paid by the end of Term 1, 50% by the end of Term 2, 75% by the end of Term 3 and 100% by 31st December.

Payment Methods

Fees can be payed by:

- Cash or cheque
- EFT
- Credit card. Credit card payments can be made in person, over the phone or by filling in the slip at the bottom of your fee statement.
- Direct deposit into the College bank account

College Bank details

Account Name: Shepparton Christian College Ltd
Bank: Commonwealth Bank, Shepparton Shopping Plaza
BSB: 063-876
Account No: 10150304
Reference: Please ensure you put your name, account number and payment details in the reference line ie "Smith 123 - school fees" or "Jones 987 - Yr 7/8 camp"

Outdoor Education Subject Levies

Students who choose Outdoor Education as an elective will incur a Semester levy to cover additional costs associated with the subject ie camps, equipment, etc. Please be aware that this levy is compulsory regardless of a student's ability to attend any camps/excursions. All trips are compulsory unless a medical certificate is provided.

Subject	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 9/10 Elective	Not Offered	\$230
VCE Units 3&4	\$280 (includes Grampians camp)	\$315 (includes ski camp)

Outdoor Education involves physically and mentally challenging activities which are outdoor and adventure based. These activities may include abseiling, white water rafting, snow skiing, hiking or canoeing.

Physical Education Subject Levies

We endeavour to keep subject levies to a minimum however occasionally a particular subject may attract a fee due to additional costs involved in running that subject.

Subject	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 9/10 PE Elective	\$50	Not offered
PE VCE Units 1&2	\$40	\$40

Camps/Excursions

Throughout the year College camps are held for students in Grade 4-Year 12. Camps generally range from \$200-\$300. A separate camp fee will be added to College fee statements and must be paid by the due date contained in camp notice (sent out prior to camp). Attendance is subject to full payment prior to each camp.

Excursions held throughout the year may incur additional costs. The cost of the primary swimming program and local sporting events are covered in College fees.

Music Tuition

Music tuition lessons are available through the College for a variety of instruments. Expression of Interest forms are available at the office (waiting lists may apply). Lessons are weekly for a duration of half an hour. Please note that students will be allocated individual or group lessons at the discretion of the music co-ordinator. Music Tuition fees are generated at the beginning of each term (\$20 per lesson per week). The tuition fee is added to College fee accounts but must be paid by the end of each term. If lessons are not paid for by the end of the term, students may not be able to continue lessons the following term. If a student chooses to withdraw from lessons prior to the end of a term, parents will still be required to pay the full term charge-no credit will be applied. This is an extra-curricular activity and no subsidies/financial assistance applies.

Bus Travel

Local Town Bus Travellers (Conveyance Allowance Program)

Students who live in the townships of Shepparton, Mooroopna or Kialla and live more than 4.8kms from the College are eligible for free bus travel. This service is provided through the local town bus system (Dysons and Jacobsons). **Student Conveyance Allowance applications are available at the office and need to be returned to the College by Tuesday 4th December 2018.** Students that travelled by bus in 2018 do not need to reapply. It is assumed travel will continue in 2019 unless the College is notified otherwise. *If you do not meet the above criteria, conveyance cards can be purchased directly from Dysons (Shepp/Kialla travellers) or Jacobsons (Mooroopna travellers) for approximately \$130 per term per student.*

Country Bus Travellers (School Bus Program)

A country bus service is available from most outlying towns. **Country Bus Applications are available from the office and need to be returned to the College by Tuesday 4th December 2018.**

Eligibility requirements for Country Bus Travellers:

To be eligible for travel on a country school bus at no cost non government school students must attend their closest "appropriate" school, which is determined by the denomination of the school.

For SCC students, this will mean that if you are Prep-Grade 6 student and live closer to Benalla Christian College or a Prep-Year 10 student and live closer to River City Christian College Echuca, you will not be eligible for free bus travel. Government and non government students not attending their closest school will be required to pay a fare each term as set by PTV (Public Transport Victoria). You will be notified of ineligibility and the associated costs involved via letter, upon submission of your bus travel form.

Student Laptops

Laptops are compulsory for all secondary students and must be purchased through the College portal.

Having a limited number of types of systems means our technician is familiar with the laptops, the drivers and maintenance of these systems. When problems occur, we are able to be the first level of support. If a problem is unable to be resolved internally, all laptops come with a three-year onsite warranty and we have found that most issues are resolved in a matter of days.

Our licencing agreement means that we are only allowed to install school licenced software on systems that are "managed" by the College. Having a limited number of options allows us to "manage" student/parent owned laptops and install extensive software.

Laptops not purchased through the College portal will not be accepted in the College environment.

The College portal for laptop purchase (including insurance & payment plans):

<https://scc.orderportal.com.au>



2019 Fee Schedule

	Full Annual Fee
Prep-Grade 2	\$3,720
Grade 3-6	\$3,860
Year 7-10	\$4,250
Year 11-12	\$4,880
Building Fee Levy \$310 (per family)	

Sibling Discounts

25% discount off full fee for second child enrolled at the College

50% discount off full fee for third child enrolled at the College

100% discount off full fee for 4th and subsequent children enrolled at the College

Early Payment Discount

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Fee Assistance/Concessions

Please refer to 2019 Fee Information document

***IMPORTANT: "College Fees" exclude the following additional charges:**

- Instrumental Music tuition lesson
- Camps and some excursions
- External VET courses
- Distance Education subjects
- Outdoor Education levy
- Building Fund
- Subject Levies