

2021 FEE INFORMATION

This document contains important information regarding Shepparton Christian College's 2021 Fee Schedule.

Due to the financial impact of COVID-19 on families in our community, fee increases for 2021 have been kept to a minimum. There will be no increase in fees for Prep to Grade 3 students and only a 1% increase for Grade 4-12 students.

Queries regarding 2021 fees can be directed to the Business Manager, Berny Jorgji at b.jorgji@scc.vic.edu.au.

Fee Statements

Annual college fees are generated at the beginning of each year and updated 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. Please note this discount applies to college fees only* (please refer to attached 2021 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. Please note a new application must be submitted each year. 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 2021 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 or students on Youth Allowance with their own HCC 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 automatically be allocated against the student's outstanding camp/excursion levy. Any remaining funds will be allocated as directed by parents or roll 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

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 a requirement 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
- Fees can be deducted from Centrelink payments upon request

College Bank Details

Account Name: Shepparton Christian 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 – Music Tuition"

ADDITIONAL FEES AND LEVIES

Camp/Excursion Levy

The Camp/Excursion levy is a compulsory levy. A different levy is applicable for each year level. The levy covers all camps (Grade 4-Year 12), all excursions (Prep to Year 12), primary swimming program and sporting events held throughout the year. The levy is payable regardless of a student's ability to attend excursion/camps throughout the year. Please note Outdoor education camps are not included in this levy.

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 (e.g. 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.

Outdoor Education Subject Levies

Students who choose Outdoor Education as an elective will incur an annual 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. The Outdoor Education Levy is separate and additional to the Camp/Excursion levy.

Subject	Levy
Year 9/10 Elective (Semester 2 only)	\$325

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.

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 (\$25 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, 4 weeks' notice must be given. 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 the end of the first week of December.** Students that travelled by bus in one year do not need to apply again for the following year. It is assumed travel will continue 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 the end of the first week of December.**

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). Approximate cost is \$120 per term, per student. 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>



2021 Fee Schedule

	Annual College Fee (\$)	Camp/Excursion Levy (\$)
Prep-Grade 2	3,755	50
Grade 3	4,055	50
Grade 4-6	4,055	370
Year 7-8	4,510	370
Year 9-10	4,510	295
Year 11-12	5,175	260
Building Fee Levy \$330 (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

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*

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

- Instrumental Music tuition lessons
- External VET courses
- Distance Education subjects
- Camp/Excursion levy
- Outdoor Education levy
- Building Fund
- Subject Levies