



RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE

FEE POLICY AND CHARGES 2025

Fee Policy

Parents and carers who enrol students at Red Bend Catholic College Forbes are responsible for meeting *all* fees charged during the term of the enrolment (where applicable from Year 7 to 12). Fees are a primary source of income for Red Bend Catholic College without which the College would not be able to meet its financial commitments. Full payment of those fees by 30th November each year is a requirement for the College to operate effectively.

Fees Payable Prior to Enrolment

A \$200 non-refundable fee for all new Enrolment Applications is to be paid with each student's enrolment application.

Fees Payable After Enrolment

Tuition and Boarding Fees

The College charges annual tuition and boarding separately, as well as any subject levies and additional resources which are all itemised on the parents' account.

The 2025 fees are shown in the table below:-

	Tuition	Incidentals - Subject Levies, Resources &/or SSO Items	Weekly Instalments (44)	Fortnightly Instalments (22)	Monthly Instalments (10)
Year 7 and 8	\$4,620	Typically between \$230.00 - \$280.00 p.a.	\$105 (tuition) + \$6 (incidentals) = \$111 per week	\$210 (tuition) + \$13 (incidentals) = \$223 per fortnight	\$462 (tuition) + \$28 (incidentals) = \$490 per month
Year 9 and 10	\$4,620	Typically between \$225.00 - \$435.00 p.a. *	\$105 (tuition) + \$10 (incidentals) = \$115 per week	\$210 (tuition) + \$20 (incidentals) = \$230 per fortnight	\$462 (tuition) + \$44 (incidentals) = \$506 per month
Year 11 and 12	\$5,165	Typically between \$100.00 - \$575.00 p.a. *	\$117 (tuition) + \$13 (Incidentals) = \$130 per week	\$234 (tuition) + \$26 (incidentals) = \$260 per fortnight	\$516 (tuition) + \$58 (incidentals) = \$574 per month

* The estimate for incidentals depends on subjects taken by each child.

Boarding Fees	Annual Fees	Boarders Activity Fee (per year)	Weekly Instalments (44)	Fortnightly Instalments (22)	Monthly Instalments (10)
Full Time - 7 days	\$23,150	\$90	\$528	\$1,056	\$2,324

Boarding Fees	Annual Fees	Boarders Activity Fee (per year)	Weekly Instalments (44)	Fortnightly Instalments (22)	Monthly Instalments (10)
Weekday - 5 days ^	\$19,850	\$90	\$453	\$906	\$1,994

^ Daily Boarding Rate of \$100.00 per night/day (Friday &/or Saturday night charged only) - Full weekend charge of \$200.00

Boarding Fees and GST

Boarding fees include a GST charge on the food component only. The College reserves the right to adjust fees in line with any future changes in GST legislation.

Sibling Discounts

The sibling discount for 2 children from the same family is 10% for each child, 3 children from the same family the discount is 20% for each child and 4 children from the same family is 30% for each child – this is on tuition only and excludes boarding and incidentals.

Early Payment Discount

A 5% discount of net tuition (ie. after any applicable sibling discount) is offered if tuition (plus any balance from previous year) is paid by the end of February.

Year 12 Fees

Year 12 tuition fees, levies and boarding (if applicable) are charged over three (3) terms.

Fee Payment Process

- Tuition and Boarding fees are billed annually and appear on the January fee account posted/emailed to families at or prior to commencement of Term 1. Fee accounts will then be posted/emailed monthly to disclose any new charges incurred during the term, display the fee payments received during the period and indicate the balance remaining.
- All families are to pay their total fee balance in one of the following timeframes:
 - The entire balance by 28th February 2025 (the College offers a 5% discount of tuition for payment by the end of February); or
 - Weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments commencing in February and ending 04th December 2025 (weekly and fortnight direct debit) and 28th November 2025 (monthly).
- Red Bend Catholic College has now established the direct debit facility to automatically debit a bank account or credit card.
- The fee payment methods available are listed below:-
 - 1) Direct Debit or Automatic Credit Card
 - 2) Direct Deposit (for upfront payment only)
 - 3) Cheque (for upfront payment only)
 - 4) EFTPOS (for upfront payment only)
- 1) Direct Debit or Automatic Credit Card:- It is a condition of enrolment (**for all new students' &/or families**) that fees are paid by Direct Debit, Automatic Credit Card or CentrePay. For new families, a *Direct Debit/Credit Card Request Form* will be mailed with the College's *Acceptance Documentation Package*. **This form needs to be completed and returned to the Finance Officer.** This form only needs to be completed once during the students' enrolment (unless bank or credit card details change) and provides the College authority to modify the instalment amount in line with changing fee levels and extra charges to ensure the fee balance is cleared by the 30th November each year. The cost of processing the Direct Debit and Credit Card transactions are borne by the College.
It is the family's responsibility to ensure funds are available in their accounts when the Finance Office processes the payments to prevent the transaction being declined.

The processing dates for 2025 are:-

(A)

2025 Weekly Direct Debit/Credit Card Payment Dates
06-Feb-2025 then each Thursday until 04-Dec-2025

(B)

2025 Fortnightly Direct Debit/Credit Card Payment Dates		
February	13-Feb	27-Feb
March	13-Mar	27-Mar
April	10-Apr	24-Apr
May	8-May	22-May
June	5-Jun	19-Jun
July	3-Jul	17-Jul
August	14-Aug	29-Aug
September	11-Sep	25-Sep
October	9-Oct	23-Oct
November	6-Nov	20-Nov
December	4-Dec	

31-Jul

(C)

2025 Monthly Direct Debit or Credit Card Payment Dates
27-February
27-March
24-April
29-May
26-June
31-July
28-August
25-September
30-October
27-November

Please contact us to arrange any other preferred dates for direct debit.

2) Direct Deposit (for upfront payment only):- Payment can be made directly into the College's bank account. The account details are:-

Name of Account: Red Bend Catholic College Schooling Account
Name of Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Bank Branch Code: 063 000
Account Number: 00 396 854
REFERENCE CODE: ACCOUNT ID / SURNAME (as appear on account)

3) Cheque (for upfront payment only):- make all cheques payable to *Red Bend Catholic College*

4) EFTPOS (for upfront payment only):- EFTPOS/Credit Card is available at the Front Office.

- If weekly, fortnightly or monthly fee instalments result in *financial hardship* due to the nature of your income stream (eg. a farming operation), please contact the Business Manager on (02) 6852 2000 or by email to accounts@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au prior to commencement of the student commencing or prior to first term commencing.
- For any further information on fees and payments, please contact the Finance Officer on (02) 6852 2000 or by email accounts@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au

Overdue Accounts

- If a family's financial circumstances change significantly and fee payment becomes an issue, the family is to contact the Principal, Mr Stephen Dwyer or the Business Manager, Mrs Carolyn Duncan immediately by phone on (02) 6852 2000.
- It is unreasonable and unjust to other families if fee accounts are ignored or no attempt is made to comply promptly with the above procedures. If this occurs or there is an inadequate or discourteous response to queries by the Finance Office, the account will be referred to the Principal and the student's enrolment at the College may be reviewed.
- If a family is seeking a payment plan due to *significant* changes in their financial circumstances, the College reserves the right to request financial documentation such as tax returns (personal and business if applicable), payslips or Centrelink statements in order to assess the family's capacity to meet fees. If a payment plan is granted, the College may reassess the family's situation at any time. If a family fails to meet their commitments under a payment plan, the matter will be referred to the Principal and the student's enrolment at the College may be reviewed.
- The College considers the legal commitment for fees to rest with the person or persons who have signed the **student's enrolment application**. It is irrelevant whose name appears on the fee account. If a parent or guardian arranges for a third party to pay the fees, it is the former's responsibility to ensure payment occurs. The College will not enter into any correspondence with that third party. All fee queries, and if necessary legal action, will be directed to the person or persons who signed the student's enrolment application.
- If necessary, Red Bend Catholic College will refer outstanding accounts to a debt collection agency or solicitor for further action. The family will be contacted in writing that this action is pending and provided with further opportunity to make payments before this occurs. All costs associated with the recovery of these fees will be passed onto the family concerned.