## sunrise christian school whyalla 2024 FEE INFORMATION



### FEE AND BUILDING FUND POLICY 2024

Sunrise Christian School Whyalla is primarily financed by three sources of income:

- Government Grants
- Fees from Parents
- Building Fund Donations

We believe in enabling all families to have a Christian Education if they so desire, therefore we have a Fee Schedule that is a tiered structure to help those families in low income brackets and those who have several children.

#### **1. NEW ENROLMENT**

#### **Confirmation Fee**

There is a \$200 non-refundable confirmation fee required per family. Upon commencing school, the confirmation fee will be deducted by us from your tuition fee balance.

#### 2. FEES

The annual amount for tuition fees will be billed at the beginning of the year.

All accounts for the year must be paid in full by the 30th November 2024.

Parents should contact the Finance Office on 08 8465 6031 if they cannot fulfil their commitment on time.

The cost of textbooks, stationery (Rec - Yr 6), IT Levy, camps, excursions and the Kitchen Garden Program are included in the tuition fees.

If your child is in Middle School (Yr 7 - Yr 10), you will be required to purchase stationery prior to Term 1. A list of what is needed will be provided.

All students in Middle School are allocated a laptop on a hire basis, the cost of which is included in the school fees. The laptop remains the property of the school and is to be returned when the student leaves.

#### **3. DISCOUNT ON FEES**

Payment of the full year's fees within the first two weeks of Term 1 will attract a discount of 5%, providing there are no outstanding fees from the previous year.

#### 4. MULTIPLE SIBLING DISCOUNT

For families with more than one child enrolled at<br/>the school, the following sibling discounts apply:<br/>20% reduction<br/>3rd child20% reduction<br/>30% reduction<br/>40% reduction<br/>100% reduction

#### 5. FEE ASSISTANCE (income less than \$45,000)

Families with a total income less than \$45,000 will be required to provide proof of income to receive a reduction in fees charged at the Fee Assistance level.

Proof of Income and documentation required is:

- 2 recent payslips for each working parent
- ATO Notice of Tax assessment for 2022/2023
- Current Centrelink Income Statement (We can obtain this document on your behalf. Please contact the School Office or the Finance Office on 8465 6031 for a Centrelink Consent Form).

If families are unable or choose not to provide the required proof of income to support the income level, Tuition Fees will be charged at full fees until proof of income is received.

#### 6. BUILDING FUND

To provide capital for educational facilities and maintain them at a high standard, we encourage that parents contribute to the Building Fund on a voluntary basis. This is a significant aspect of our income and it is important to the school that each family contribute to this Fund.

The suggested annual contribution is \$200 per family.

Building Fund contributions are tax deductible.

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#### 7. PAYMENT OF FEES

Payment of school fees is only accepted via the FACTS Management System.

#### - New Families

The FACTS Management System facilitates the payment of school fees which provides flexible payment plans with multiple secure payment options and a friendly parent support helpdesk.

Using this system, your family will be able to set up plans, review history, track payments and manage your own account details from any device.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please contact the experienced and friendly FACTS customer service team, who are based in Melbourne (VIC). They will be available to take your call from 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday) on 1300FACTS1 (or 1300 322 871).

Additionally, if you would like the support of Sunrise Christian School, please contact the School Office or the Finance Office on 8465 6031 or email fees.whyalla@sunrise.sa.edu.au and they will be available to assist you.

#### - Existing Families

Your FACTS account will continue with the same payment plan and details. If you need to change any information please go into your FACTS account to do this.

If you have any difficulties please call the FACTS customer service team, who will be available to take your calls from 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday) on 1300FACTS1 (or 1300 322 871).

#### 8. STUDENT ACCIDENT COVER

Student accident cover is automatically provided for all students and the cost of the cover is incorporated in the tuition fee. It provides for payments in the event of specified injuries or accidents.

More information can be obtained from the Insurance Broker, AON at www.aon.com.au or contact the school office.

#### 9. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

#### LEAVING

One full term's written notice to the Principal is required when a student intends to leave the School.

#### CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Application to amend fees may be considered if there has been a change in family circumstances or income during the year. This may be done by completing a Fee Reduction form available upon request. The new fees will be effective from the beginning of the following term.

#### FEE REDUCTION

Parents that are not eligible for the Fee Assistance level but who consider they cannot meet the full payment of fees are encouraged to discuss the matter with the Principal. A Fee Reduction application form is to be completed, the contents of which will be kept confidential. Forms are available upon request and applications must be completed by the end of October each year unless financial circumstances change after that date.

#### PAYMENT PLAN CHANGE

FACTS payment options offer parents the ability to change the date of a deduction by a few days, up to 3 times a year if you have a need. If further assistance is required with FACTS payment options at any time, please call the Finance Office on 8465 6031 or email fees.whyalla@sunrise.sa.edu.au

#### ENROLMENT CONTRACT

By signing the Enrolment Contract, you as parents/caregivers, acknowledge that you agree to pay all expenses incurred in pursuing recovery of overdue amounts owing, including (but not limited to) legal costs.

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