



# Chairo Christian School

## 2017 Fee Schedule

### Leongatha Campus

#### Enrolment Fee (includes GST)

\$100 per family - non refundable

#### Tuition Fees - Prep to Year 12

These fees are for the core cost of tuition only. Other charges apply for stationery and camps as outlined below. Some other charges may apply for excursions, optional activities/classes and some supplementary resources. Note: only students who have completed Year 10 at Leongatha and then transfer to the Drouin Campus pay the fees below for Years 11 and 12.

Year Level	1 <sup>st</sup> child attending	2 <sup>nd</sup> child attending	3 <sup>rd</sup> child attending	4 <sup>th</sup> & subsequent children attending (P-12)
Prep	\$1148	\$1148	\$1148	\$820
1-4	\$3348	\$2276	\$1842	\$820
5/ (6 2018)*	\$3634	\$2470	\$1998	\$820
6 (2017)	\$3984	\$2710	\$2192	\$996
7/8	\$4064	\$2764	\$2236	\$996
9/10	\$5016	\$3412	\$2760	\$1230
11/12	\$5218	\$3548		

\* This fee level (being an average of previous 5/6 fees) will also apply for Year 6 in 2018, adjusted only for annual increase.

#### Membership Fees

Per Year

Charge per parent and/or member of the Association (includes GST)	\$22
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#### Camp Fees

Years 1-2	1 night camp	\$25
Years 3-4	3 day camp – Allambee	\$260
Years 5-6	4 day camp – City	\$420
Year 7	5 day camp - Canberra	\$550
Year 8	4 day camp – Coolamatong	\$420
Year 9	5 day hiking camp	\$330
Year 10	Mission and Service Camps	\$500
Year 11	5 day snow camp	\$850
Year 12	2 day VCE study camp	\$160

#### Stationery/Class Set Fee

Per Year

Stationery costs and costs of providing class sets of books not included in tuition fees above	\$60
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#### Technology Levy

Per Year

Years 7-11 students only for take-home Personal Learning Device (PLD) program	Yr 7-11 \$250
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## Bus Fees

Bus fees apply to the first two children in a family only. The following fees are based on parents agreeing to the school retaining the conveyance allowance, if applicable.

Note: the cost of the Leongatha bus route is being significantly subsidised by the school. Bussing queries should be directed to the central Bus Coordinator at the Drouin Campus.

The Wonthaggi public bus service is currently fully subsidised by the school after conveyance allowance is claimed. It should be noted this may need to be reviewed in future years. All travellers must complete a conveyance form before travelling on the Wonthaggi bus.

Students who finish Year 10 at the Leongatha Campus and then travel to the Drouin Campus for VCE do not have to pay bus fees. A bus conveyance form is also required for VCE students.

Bus Route	Area Guide	Fee Guide
Leongatha/Drouin Bus	All areas on route	\$800

## Car Conveyance

Families who live more than 4.8 kilometres from their attending campus, and who choose to drive their children to school, may be eligible to receive a car conveyance allowance if there is not a state bus available. More information regarding this is also available from the Central Finance Office.

Note: those using Chairo buses are expected to claim the government bus conveyance (see 'Bus Fee' section).

## School Camps

School camps are compulsory curriculum activities. Costs of camps are not refundable except if a relevant medical certificate is produced prior to finalisation of booking commitment numbers, clearly stating that attendance is not possible. An administration fee of \$40 applies to any refund provided.

## Withdrawal of Students from School

If a student is withdrawn from the School prior to the completion of Year 12, the parent/s or guardian/s are required to give one full term's prior notice in writing to the Enrolment Department, such notice to be given prior to the commencement of the next school term (including for the first term of the next school year). In the event that such notice is not given and in lieu of such notice, the fees for the next term will be payable in full.

## Late Payment

Tuition fees and charges are due and payable on the due date as determined by the frequency of the payment plan selected, or otherwise within 14 days of the School's account, or earlier if specified in the account. All amounts payable to the School must be paid in full on or before exit from the School, unless prior arrangements are made.

The School reserves the right to charge interest on any amount outstanding after the due date for payment, from the date the student exits the School, or from the date on which there is a breach of any mutually agreed payment date. Such interest will accrue on the amount outstanding until it is paid in full at the rate for the time being fixed under section 2 of the Penalty Interest rate Act 1983 (Vic). Any expenses incurred by the School in seeking to recover payment of any outstanding amounts, including debt collection agency fees and legal fees and expenses (on an indemnity basis) may be claimed from and are payable by the parents/guardians.

## **General Bursary Fund and Pastoral Bursaries**

The school maintains a General Bursary Fund, and offers limited pastoral bursaries for those involved in Christian service, to assist in the provision of Christian schooling to families with an identifiable financial need. More information and application forms are available from the Finance Department.

## **Methods of Payment**

Tuition fees will be charged annually in February to each parent account. However, a variety of payment options are available including yearly, quarterly, monthly, weekly and fortnightly. Other payment arrangements require prior agreement with the school and an appointment can be made with the Finance Department to discuss these options. Fee accounts will be altered during the year if there are changes in circumstances that impact fees payable.

Families are asked at enrolment to nominate the method of payment they intend to use by filling out a 'School Account Payment Commitment Form'. To change your chosen payment commitment to another option during the year requires notification to the Finance Department one week prior to the due date of the next relevant payment and another form is required. If there is no notification of change then the option selected in the previous year will continue until all children have exited and the account balance has been finalised.

Direct debit is a very effective method of encompassing school fees within the household budget and is the expected method of payment. Such payment plans can be based on: four (4) quarterly, ten (10) monthly, twenty-one (21) fortnightly or forty-two (42) weekly payments. Direct Debit Authority Forms are available from the Finance Office. Centrepay is also available, allowing for deductions to be made directly from pensions and other Centrelink benefits.

## **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF):**

### **Important Notice for Low Income Earners**

The CSEF is a Victorian government allowance provided to assist low-income families, particularly those with Health Care Cards (HCC) or Pension Cards (including students 16+ with their own HCC), with the costs of camps, sports and excursions. The allowance is applied to your account as a credit. The allowance in 2016 will be \$125 per primary student or \$225 per secondary student. Applications need to be made by parents through the school. For further information regarding eligibility, closing dates and application forms, contact the Finance Department. The school urges parents to apply for this promptly, early in the year, to maximise benefits and lessen the processing time required, and to ensure that deadlines are not missed.

## **Tuition Fee Apportionment**

Tuition fees are billed annually with options to pay in instalments. The fee is an annual fee for completing a course, not a fee that relates exactly to attendance time in any one term. If a full year's course is not completed, the proportion of attendance time and percentage of the course completed will be considered in assessing the final fees payable along with other variables such as prior notice. If students do not attend for a limited time during the year but complete the course, tuition fees adjustments are not usually applied.

## **Building Fund - Voluntary Donations**

The Building Fund provides a means of assisting the school's development in a tax-deductible form. We encourage all who are in a position to do so to provide a donation as a very valuable way of supporting the furtherance of Christian schooling by the Association.

## **VCE Subject Costs**

A number of costs for VCE subjects are not included in the general tuition fees due to their specific nature. All texts need to be purchased as required by each subject. Additional subject fees also apply for some subjects to cover camping components (e.g. Outdoor Education, Geography), excursions and materials where these are greater than for general subjects.

These fees are generally outlined in the VCE Subject Selection Booklet available from Central Administration at the Drouin Campus by calling 5625 4600. Some small public transport costs may also be incurred for excursions where personal MYKI cards are required.

## **Distance Education**

A levy is set by the Victorian Education Department for subjects undertaken by Distance Education. The levy for 2017 is \$810, which is generally paid by parents. The school may bear the cost of the levy if the subject is a prerequisite for the student's desired course pathway. This decision will be made by the Principal prior to commitment to a subject upon request by parents. The school will pay this cost for Leongatha Year 10 students doing a VCE extension subject.

## **Vocational Educational Training (VET) Year 11/12 & Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)**

VET courses are currently receiving only limited commonwealth government support for the purchase cost of TAFE-related subjects. Any relevant funding provided to the school under this component of the program will be applied on a student's behalf, but any greater purchase cost or materials required has to be met by parents and will be added to the family fee statement.

The cost of the course to the family can be obtained before enrolling in the course through our careers staff by calling 5625 4600. This can be as high as \$2,600, but is generally subsidised by the school to a maximum cost to parents of around \$1,800. VCAL students who must do a VET course as part of their program will have standard level fees covered by the school, (extra charges may be incurred for high fee subjects).