Fees and Charges FAQ



SCOTCH COLLEGE

TUITION FEES AND BILLING

What payment options are available to me?

For local students, we offer parents a number of different payment options for tuition fees – forward fees, annual in advance, quarterly (default) or direct debit (monthly or fortnightly payments). Please see our <u>Fees and Charges Schedule</u> for further information.

You will still receive a fee statement each quarter, regardless of payment method chosen, showing all charges and payments to your account since your last statement.

We had a direct debit agreement in place, why is there an outstanding balance at the end of the year?

Our direct debit agreements are calculated to cover the annual tuition fees only and therefore do not include any incidental charges.

For parents on the direct debit scheme, your billing statement will show the total incidental fees due on each of the quarterly statements. Incidental items billed to your account should be paid for when they are billed.

I paid a lump sum fee when accepting a position at Scotch College, why is this not reflected on my account?

The Confirmation Fee payment made when accepting a position at the College is separate to the tuition fees and is not added to your account. The Confirmation Fee includes a life membership to the Old Scotch Collegians (OSC) Alumni and a non-refundable Endowment Fee for the Scotch College Foundation which supports the development of new buildings and resources on campus. Please refer to the Confirmation Fee Explanatory letter.

What is the optional Scotch Parent's Subscription charge, and what are these funds used for?

Scotch Parents is a parent-run support group that organizes activities and funds projects that support and enhance the experience of boys, parents and staff across the College. This includes functions such as the Family Welcome Back BBQ and Valedictory Dinner as well as projects such as podcasting equipment for Studio Scotch, new water fountains and chillers, Junior School picnic tables and class mats, and study booths in the Bunning Resource Centre.

The Scotch Parents Subscription is an annual levy charged at the start of every year. Payment of the levy is optional - please contact fees@scotch.wa.edu.au at the start of the year if you wish to opt out of the payment.

Why is there a device levy charge on the account when we paid this last year?

The device levy is a compulsory annual charge that allows the School to provide students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary with a 1:2 learning device and students in Years 1–12 with a 1:1 learning device (iPad, iPad Air or MacBook Air) as part of the academic programme.

The levy includes AppleCare+, the device cover or case, insurance (excess of \$500) as well as access to technical management, application support, software and training.

My son doesn't start until next term, why have I received a fee statement?

Annual fees for students in Pre-Primary to Year 12 are charged in four quarterly instalments and are due one quarter in advance. This means that a student commencing in Summer Term (Term 1 - February) will receive their first fee instalment in October the year prior.

Why have I been billed for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary at the same time?

Students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are billed for the term they are about to commence. All other year groups are billed a quarter in advance.

Students continuing onto Pre-Primary from Kindergarten will be billed in advance for the first instalment of the Pre-Primary fees. This means that in October families will be billed for the final instalment of Kindergarten, and in advance for the first instalment of the Pre-Primary fees.

We gave notice to our son's music tutor that he was finished with lessons last term, why is there a charge for next term?

Withdrawal from music tuition must be provided one term in advance and directly to the music department via the online withdrawal form. In lieu of adequate notice one terms music tuition fees are payable. Please refer to the Music Tuition Procedures webpage for further information or contact Scotch Music Administration (music@scotch.wa.edu.au).

The uniform shop has purchased a second hand uniform from me. When will I see a credit on my account?

Uniform shop charges are rolled over onto your fee account at the end of each term. Any second hand uniform sales made will offset uniform purchases made during the term. The amount shown on the statement will be the net of any sales and purchases for the term. If you are unsure if your uniform shop credits have offset uniform purchases please contact Fees@scotch.wa.edu.au for a uniform shop invoice.

When do I stop paying tuition fees for Year 12?

As per our terms of business, the annual tuition fee is charged in advance in four equal quarterly instalments. The final instalment for the Year 12 tuition fees is billed in July. There may still be incidental charges added to your account for the October statement.

Is there a reduction in tuition fees for Year 12 if my son is studying a general pathway / doesn't take any ATAR subject?

The associated costs for all available study pathways are taken into account when calculating the annual tuition fees across Year 7 to 12. As such the tuition fees do not vary based on a student's chosen study pathway.

Are there any additional fees for VET courses undertaken in Year 11 and 12?

The cost for all internally run certificate courses and courses offered by the Fremantle Education Centre or North/South Metropolitan TAFE will be covered by Scotch College.

The cost for any external certificate course other than those from the RTOs listed above will be billed to your tuition account (e.g. Certificate III & IV in Fitness etc) including enrolment at SIDE.