

2026 FEE SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES

Each year the College Board determines fees after considering the needs of the College to provide exemplary and inspiring Catholic education whilst managing the cost to parents.

YEAR LEVEL	ANNUAL TUITION FEES	TERMLY TUITION FEES	MONTHLY* TUITION FEES
Year 7	\$21,540	\$5,385	\$2,154
Year 8	\$21,960	\$5,490	\$2,196
Year 9	\$22,440	\$5,610	\$2,244
Year 10	\$22,740	\$5,685	\$2,274
Year 11	\$23,020	\$5,755	\$2,302
Year 12	\$24,220	\$6,055	\$2,422

**Billed in 10 monthly instalments*

A compulsory Facilities Fee of \$3,633 per family and a Payroll Tax Levy of \$1,366 per student is also applied.

Tuition Fees are structured to include all compulsory curriculum costs, College camps, retreats, reflection days, and extended learning activities along with all entry fees and other related costs required in the delivery of education, including salary and wages, and administration.

The Victorian Government imposed payroll tax on some not-for-profit schools, including Siena College, has resulted in the **Payroll Tax Levy** for families, charged per child.

The Facilities Fee is charged per family and is *not* tax deductible. This fee is used to offset capital and facilities related expenditure of the College each year, contributing to building infrastructure, maintenance, gardens and grounds, care-taking and cleaning, security, utilities, loan interest and repayments, leases and capital expenditure.

The College employs a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program**. Students are required to bring their own laptop to support their learning which must meet our minimum specification requirements. Families can purchase this from a retailer of their choice or via the College's partnership with CompNow.

The Tuition Fee, Facilities Fee and Payroll Tax Levy are invoiced in line with parents/guardians' nominated payment plan. **We kindly ask parents/guardians to complete the 2026 Fee Payment Plan form by Friday, 31 October.**

Students admitted to the College during the school year are charged fees on a pro rata basis.

PROCEDURE STATEMENT

The annual setting of school fees is the responsibility of the College Board after annual recommendation from the Finance Committee. The fee-setting process will take into consideration and reflect the required level of finance to maintain excellence in education as well as the overall socio-economic status of the school community. Factors such as government funding, payroll tax obligations, inflation, interest rates, employment related costs and capital investment are major considerations when determining an appropriate level of school fees to be charged to families.

Fee structures and billing procedures will be kept as simple and streamlined as possible. These structures and procedures will be communicated to parents/guardians via the Annual Fee Information available on Siena Central and College website.

Instructions on how to use Siena Central can be found on the College website:

www.siena.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/parent-video-tutorials

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DISCOUNTS

Sibling Discount

A Sibling Discount is offered to families with more than one daughter enrolled at the College concurrently. The following discounts apply to **Tuition Fees** only:

Second daughter: 5% | Third daughter: 10% | Fourth and subsequent daughters: 50%

Annual Payment in Advance Discount

An offer is extended to all current and incoming families to elect to pay fees in advance. The annual payment discount is approved by the College Board each year. Payment of the 2026 annual school fees in full **by 30 November 2025** will receive an advance payment discount of **3% on total fees**.

PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Siena College provides parents/guardians with the following instalment options for the payment of school fees:

- **Annual payment in advance**, which attracts a 3% discount on total fees if paid by the designated due date.
- **Termly or monthly instalments via the College**
- **Alternative instalment payment options with Edstart** who can offer fortnightly, weekly and more flexibility with payments plans. Visit edstart.com.au/siena to learn more.

We kindly ask parents/guardians to complete the 2026 Fee Payment Plan form by Friday, 31 October.

The Finance Office will then set your family's Fees Portal up to suit. Please note that there is an option in the form to indicate that you wish to retain the same payment plan as this year's school fees. The Finance Office can be contacted on 9835 0220 for any queries.

Families paying in instalments via Edstart will be issued four termly statements prior to the commencement of each school term.

Parents/Guardians are required to observe and honour the payment due dates as indicated on school fee statements issued by the College unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Finance Office.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

School fees and other charges such as music lessons, bus passes, etc., can be paid via the following methods:

- **Credit card payment:**

- Via the 'Make a Payment' module on Siena Central Finance dashboard; or
- By calling the Finance Office on 9835 0220

The College administers all credit card transactions in accordance with privacy and banking legislation

- **Direct Debit payment from your nominated bank account:**

You can set up direct debit payments via the 'Manage Stored Cards' module on the Siena Central Finance dashboard. Your account will then be debited in accordance with your elected payment plan.

A copy of the Siena College Direct Debit Request Service Agreement is located in the 'My Docs' module on the Finance dashboard.

- **BPAY:**

Using a Net Bank facility to transfer funds using the Siena College Biller Code of 14852 and the Reference Number as detailed on your Annual School Fees Notice or Fee Statement.

- **Cheque:**

Made payable to Siena College and returned to the Finance Office attached to your Annual School Fees Statement.

- **EFTPOS/Cash:**

The College has debit and credit card payment facilities available at College Reception.

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The preferred methods of fee payment for annual in advance are credit card and direct debit payments administered by the College. **A discount of 3% on total fees is applicable.** Credit card information and nominated bank account details for direct debit payments can be securely entered on Siena Central as detailed above. The Finance Office can be contacted on 9835 0220 for assistance with entering this information.

Instalment Payments

Termly or ten monthly instalments are payable through the College.

Alternative and more flexible instalment payment options are available via **Edstart**. Visit, edstart.com.au/siena for more information. Please note that Edstart implements a 1% surcharge on all credit card payments made with Visa or Mastercard. AMEX payments attract a 1.35% surcharge.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES, MUSIC ACCOUNTS AND OTHER CHARGES

These charges are invoiced throughout the year and costs are advised prior to registering for nominated activities. Statements will be emailed to parents/guardians and published on your Siena Central Finance dashboard. Examples of these optional activity charges include instrumental music, national or overseas trips, padlocks, canteen vouchers, extra-curricular sporting goods and activities, and student ID card replacements.

If you have elected to have your school fees automatically charged to your credit card or directly debited from your nominated bank account, these optional charges will be added to your next fee instalment – you will be notified via email prior to payment being automatically processed.

Participation in optional activities involving significant expense (such as instrumental music lessons, music residency, national or international trips, etc.) is conditional on fees being paid up to date.

NON PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

The College Board endeavours to assist parents/guardians as much as possible by minimising the impact of fee increases, however, to maintain this position parents/guardians are urged to ensure fees are paid promptly.

As both parents/guardians are required to sign the confirmation of enrolment, it is expected that arrangements for payment of school fees will be honoured. It is not the role of the College to pursue parents/guardians individually for payment.

Fees are strictly due and payable by the due dates listed on issued fee statements. Where school fee accounts are in arrears (or an approved payment plan is not adhered to), a student will not be permitted to undertake optional activities such as instrumental music lessons, music residency, national or international trips, and tours. The Principal reserves the right to refuse to allow students to either commence a new term, or to remain at the College, while any fees or charges remain unpaid.

When fees are in arrears, written, electronic or telephone contact will be made with parents/guardians by the Siena College Finance Office. Records will be maintained of all communications with parents/guardians regarding fee accounts. Every effort will be made to ascertain the ability of parents/guardians to pay outstanding fees, and payment plans will be negotiated where appropriate.

Procedures to enable the collection of outstanding school fees will be enacted when parents/guardians who appear to have the capacity to pay fees refuse to do so, or when parents/guardians consistently refuse to engage in good faith discussions regarding their financial situation. Where no evidence of hardship or special circumstances can be substantiated, Siena College may engage a recognised debt collection agency or issue a solicitor's letter. Parents/Guardians will be responsible for any consequential costs incurred in connection with the attempted collection of outstanding school fees.

Failure to reach a satisfactory arrangement from the debt collection process will be followed by the initiation of legal action and the seeking of judgement against the party or parties involved. Legal action involving the court system will be sought as a last resort for the collection of outstanding school fees.



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ENROLMENT

Application for Enrolment

Applications for entry to Siena College from Year 7 to 12, must be submitted using the Application for Enrolment Form on the College website. A non-refundable Application Fee of \$220 is payable when the application is lodged with the College. The student's name will be registered as the Applicant following the receipt of the completed Application for Enrolment Form and the Application Fee.

Enrolment applications for Year 7 to 12 are subject to the outcome of an interview conducted by the Head of Admissions and/or a Deputy Principal.

Confirmation of Enrolment

Following the application process, and subject to the College Enrolment Policy and position availability, a formal offer will be made. Parents/Guardians are then required to sign and return the acceptance offer for their child with a non-refundable confirmation fee of \$1,800 (effective from 1 May 2026). The person/s signing the Acceptance Agreement is/are completing an agreement to abide by the Siena College Fees Policy Terms and Conditions and Business Regulations. The College Enrolment Offer includes an agreement on payment of fees and acceptance of College policies.

To forecast the following year's budget and related staffing needs, parents/guardians of current students will need to confirm enrolment for your daughter/s on Siena Central. A reminder email will be forwarded to all parents at the end of Term 3 each year. Data from this form will enable the College Timetabler to assign students to classes for the following year in advance. Parents/Guardians who indicate that a student is not returning need to follow the procedure as set out below under Student Withdrawal from the College.

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE

It is a condition that a **minimum of one term's notice**, presented in writing and addressed to the Principal, be submitted to admissions@siena.vic.edu.au where a student is to be withdrawn from the College. The College is entitled to recover a term's fees calculated from the date of acceptance by the Principal.

VOLUNTARY BUILDING AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

As a Catholic secondary school in the Dominican Tradition, we are grateful for the generosity of our parents/guardians, alumnae, staff, students and friends of Siena College who support our vision for now and the future. The Siena College community makes a difference through Annual Giving, Bequests, Capital Appeals and our Equity Scholarship Fund. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is valued and appreciated.

Families may choose to donate to the College Building Fund to support the building program or to the College Scholarship Fund to support the provision of equity-based scholarships. Your support of equity-based scholarships will enable girls who would otherwise be unable to attend Siena College to become a part of our College community.

The Siena College Building Fund and the Siena College Scholarship Fund are endorsed as deductible gift recipients (DGR) under Subdivision 30-BA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. All donations (\$2 or more) to the Building Fund and the Scholarship Fund are eligible for a tax deduction via the donor's annual income tax return.

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Staff Discounts

As a general principle, staff employed at Siena College will be provided with a 10% discount for the enrolment of their daughter/s at Siena. This is reviewed annually and will take Fringe Benefits Tax implications into consideration.

Payment of Future 2027 Fees in Advance

Siena College offers families the option to pay one year's future fees in advance. Payment of one year's future fees in advance is accepted with the following provisions:

- Fees quoted will be the Board approved fee schedule by year level. Fees quoted include General Tuition Fee, Facilities Fee, Payroll Tax Fee and any further applicable charges.
- The percentage discount offered for annual payment in advance is not offered for the year in advance.
- There will be no further annual fee increases invoiced in the subsequent one year.
- Families will be required to pay for additional/extra-curricular charges such as music tuition and overseas trips.
- Payment of the Future Fees is made in full by the end of Term 2 2026.

If your daughter's enrolment ceases at Siena College during the prepayment period, a pro-rata refund will be calculated from the beginning of the next term after her exit.

Holding Fees

If a place is held for a student who has an approved extended absence from the College, the following criteria and ruling will be applied:

- If the absence is for one term or less, there is no reduction in school fees payable.
- If the absence is for more than one term, a non-refundable holding fee of \$1,500 will be charged and a reduction of a pro-rata amount equivalent to the length of absence will be calculated and applied.

Split Family Fee Accounts

Family fee accounts will only be split on the condition that both parents/guardians sign a change of status form and a declaration of joint and several liability for Siena College school fees. This declaration can be provided by the College upon request. Following the receipt of the signed declarations by both parties, Siena College will undertake to split the family fee account.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

For families who hold a current Centrelink pension or Health Care Card and are eligible to receive the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) grant, please complete the application form, attach a copy of your current Health Care Card and return it to the College before June of each year. Eligibility criteria, further information and the application form are available at: www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund

VCE over Multiple Years

If a student has an approved extended time to complete VCE studies, a pro-rata amount of school fees will be calculated on the basis of number of subjects enrolled in per year.