



Faith Lutheran College

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The Costs of Education at Faith Lutheran College

(Please note: The figures detailed below apply to the 2015 school year only.)

General Information

The following costs apply to students attending the College

1) **Prior to Student Attending**

- a) Registration Fee
- b) Enrolment Commitment Fee
- c) Stationery Costs
- d) Uniform Costs

2) **After Student Commences School**

- a) Tuition Fee
- b) Resource Levy
- c) Co-curricular Costs
- d) P&F Levy
- e) Voluntary Building Fund Donation

} The College sends statements to parents regarding these fees

3) **Additional Costs**

- a) Bus transport
- b) Instrumental music
- c) National Subject Competitions

1) **Prior to Child Commencing School**

a) **Registration Fee**

This fee of \$50 is to be paid when the *Enrolment Application* form is completed and returned to the College office.

b) **Enrolment Commitment Fee**

This fee of \$400 per family is to be sent to the office with the accompanying form after the College has accepted your child for enrolment. This fee is paid when the first child is accepted and covers all children within the family. A portion of this (\$300) is refundable (under certain conditions) when the last child in the family leaves the College. This also applies to any student who has enrolled but not yet commenced at the College.

c) **Stationery Costs**

Certain stationery items are sold at the College. These items include calculators, homework diaries etc. This is done to introduce uniformity in resources and because we can procure these items at a far lower cost than they are normally commercially available.

The total cost of these items is approximately \$150.

Other stationery items such as exercise books, rulers, pencils, pens etc need to be purchased by the students and this can be done at local newsagents, K-Mart, Big W, or other commercial outlets, at lower prices than we could sell them. The total cost of such items is estimated to be about \$120 per year.

d) Uniform Costs

This will vary from student to student depending on the options purchased, and on the size and the number of garments purchased. It is estimated that the cost of fitting out a new student with uniform is about \$450 - \$500 in the first year. The Uniforms must be paid for at the time of sale. Credit Card facilities are available for these purchases.

2) After Student Commences School

a) Tuition Fee

This fee is for tuition purposes only.

The fee for 2015 is \$4,800.00 per annum for all Year levels.

Our fee structure remains at the lower end of the range of fees charged by independent schools.

If more than one child from the same family attends the school at the same time, the second and subsequent child receives a discount on the tuition fees at the following rates.

Second Child	25% discount	Tuition Fees are \$4,580.00 per annum
Third Child	40% discount	Tuition Fees are \$3,860.00 per annum
Fourth Child	70% discount	Tuition Fees are \$2,420.00 per annum

Parents who pay the whole year's fee in advance by the due date of the first terms fees also get a 5% reduction in Tuition fees.

b) Resource Levy

This levy for 2015 is \$310.00 for the whole year. This is used for various resources including textbook hire and some subject resources (materials for woodwork, science etc).

c) Co-curricular Costs

This cost for 2015 is \$670.00 for the whole year. It covers costs for excursions, camps, bus transportation, sport and entry to sporting venues, cultural and arts visits, etc. This fee has been introduced so that parents will not continually have to send small amounts of money to school for various activities.

d) Tuckshop P&F Levy

To help pay for our Tuckshop Convenor, a levy of \$30 per term is charged per family. This is done through the normal school accounts. Those who volunteer to work in the tuckshop or in other school activities at least twice a term, have the \$30 levy rolled over to the following term. At the end of the year, continuing parents who have voluntarily worked for two days in the last term of the year will have the levy rolled over to the following year. Those parents not continuing can ask for a refund.

e) Voluntary Building Fund Donation

The capital costs of the College buildings are funded through State and Commonwealth government grants as well as loans, which the school has taken out. Such loans are enormous and the College appeals to each family to make a special additional contribution, which is voluntary, and tax deductible. The recommendation is that each family will pay \$200 per year (\$50 per term) as a minimum amount.

3) Additional Costs

a) Bus transport

Students living within 4.8km of this College or the nearest State High School will need to pay the bus operators a transport fee, which is determined by Queensland Transport. The College has nothing to do with this charge. Parents are to contact the relevant bus operators for further information. The College office can give you information about which operator to contact.

The College operates five bus services not covered by Queensland Transport. These buses service the areas surrounding Chuwar, Brassall, Grantham, Gatton, Walloon, Rosewood, Fernvale, Lowood, Brightview and Kentville, Coominya and Esk. Information about these bus services and costs can be obtained from the College office. Bus charges range from \$27.00 - \$40.00 per week.

b) Instrumental Music

Those students undertaking individual instrumental music instructions are charged directly by the externally contracted music teacher.

c) National Subject Competitions

These are held in English, Maths, Science, Writing, Computing. An entry fee of \$8 - \$10 per child is charged by the organizers. Because entry is optional, parents will need to pay before entry applications close.

Payment of Fees

Statements are sent out on a quarterly basis as follows:

- before the commencement of first term (and)
- at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3 (with the reports).

Arrangements can be made with the College office to pay fees in any of the following ways

- Yearly (Parents who pay the whole year's fee in advance by the due date of the first terms fees also get a 5% reduction in fees)
- Per term
- Monthly (over 10 or 12 months)
- Fortnightly
- Weekly
- By direct debit from your pay or from your account
- By credit or by debit (EFTPOS) card
- By B-Pay

To help parents with their budgeting and in determining how to pay, the following breakdown of fees (\$5,900.00) is listed below (this table DOES NOT include bus charges).

This is	\$5900.00	per year
	\$1475.00	per term (4)
	\$ 113.47	per week (52)
	\$ 226.93	per fortnight (26)
	\$ 155.27	per school week (38)
	\$ 491.67	per month (12)
	\$ 590.00	per month (10)