



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Southern Vales Christian College welcomes new families in 2017. We thank our continuing and past families for their support of the College as the provider of education and care for their children. The College works together with, and relies on parents to help provide the best possible learning environment for all students.

*Attached is your **2017 Tuition Agreement** that needs to be completed, signed and returned by **16 December 2016** to ensure an ongoing enrolment.*

This letter contains important information regarding fees, charges and dates for 2017. Should you have any queries please contact the College Office.

STATIONERY

The College supplier *Campion* will collate orders and supply Stationery Packs directly for Year 10-12 students. Stationery for Foundation to Year 9 students will be delivered directly to the College and issued by class teachers. The cost of stationery will be added to the Term 1 Fee Account. This procedure ensures that all students have the correct stationery at the beginning of the year.

- **Stationery Packs** for Foundation to Year 3 will be \$124 and \$195 for Years 4 to 9.
- **Stationery Packs** for Years 10 - 12 will be delivered to the nominated address during the fortnight ending 20 January 2017.
- **Senior Secondary Order Forms** have already been given to students and are due back by Thursday 1st December 2016.

TUITION FEES & SIBLING CONCESSIONS

Tuition fees for 2017 are:

1. Primary \$2,995 (School Card \$1,200)
2. Secondary \$4,455 (School Card \$1,780)

Concessions for 2, 3, 4 & 5 child families are \$760, \$1,590, \$3,880 and \$5,800 respectively, per family. Families need to complete and submit their Tuition Agreement in order to receive concessions.

COMPOSITE FEES

- 1) Primary F-1.....\$279
- 2) Primary Year 2-6..... \$469
- 3) Secondary Year 7-9.....\$716
- 4) Secondary Year 10-12.....\$834

The Composite Fee covers Maintenance, IT Levies for all students and the Literacy Levy for Primary students. It also has a component that funds general excursions and covers basic primary/secondary resources. The Composite Fee will not cover programs that incur broad expenditure not common to all students in the year group. These additional costs are to be met by families.

SCHOOL CARD

School Card families will be charged **Full Fees** initially. Once the College is formally advised that your School Card application is successful, then the reduction will be applied to your account in July. Families who lodge late applications, after the College cut-off date will be charged the full Tuition Fee rate less any minor DECD component amounts of School Card. Please note this means you must lodge your application, at the very latest, by end of Week 3, Term 3. Earlier lodgement is preferable as State Government approval takes some time.

Further information regarding School Card will be sent to families in January 2017. If your family is eligible for School Card or you believe that you will be eligible in 2017, please fill out your Tuition Agreement accordingly.

2017 FEE SCHEDULE & 2017 TUITION AGREEMENT

The attached **Tuition Agreement** must be *completed and signed* by parent(s)/guardian(s). It forms the contractual arrangement for ongoing enrolment and enables Sibling Concessions to be processed. Concessions will not be given if the *signed Agreement* hasn't been received by the College. Please note this needs to be returned by Wednesday 16 December 2016.

TEXT BOOK HIRE LEVY

Secondary students will pay a \$155 hire fee for text books. Text Book Hire fee will appear on the Term 1 Account. Any damage to Text Books will be charged separately.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts can be paid by **Direct Debit, EFTPOS, Bpay, and Cash or by Cheque/Money Order.** Direct Debit forms are available from either Front Office or you can download the forms from the College website.

All 2016 accounts will need to be settled by 30 November 2016. Should you have an *outstanding account* from 2016 it is in your best interest to pay your debt as quickly as possible. The College Board requires families to have their accounts settled before students leave at the end of the year for the summer break or continuing enrolment will be at risk. Families in difficulty can make an appointment with the Business Manager to discuss their options.

BUILDING FUND

The College has an Australian Tax Office approved Building Fund. A separate Building Fund receipt is issued for all donations. The College would like to suggest each family makes a minimum donation of \$200 to help fund our building program. So please take advantage of the *tax deductibility* of donations made to the College Building Fund.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Permapleat Uniform Shop at Morphett Vale Campus will be open on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Monday 6th February from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm (closed 12:30pm to 1:30pm for lunch), for the purchase of uniform needs. New families can ring the Marj Hinkley to make an individual appointment for a full uniform fitting on Tuesday 31st January. Families are advised that all students need to wear the College uniform in 2017 in accordance with the Uniform Policy. Orders can also be placed at the Aldinga "try on" shop on Thursday 2nd February from 9am to 12:30pm and on Wednesday morning and afternoon during the term. Online order forms are also accessible through the College website.

The College **Administration Office** at Morphett Vale Campus will be closed from the end of business on Friday 16 December and will re-open on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 9:00 am. The Aldinga Campus front office will be closed during school holidays. **School resumes Tuesday 7 February 2017.**

Kind regards,



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