



SHOLEM ALEICHEM COLLEGE and JEWISH SCHOOL

FEE POLICY 2019

Preschool, Primary School and Jewish School Fees and Terms

Sholem Aleichem College ABN 20 005 187 020 ("College") is focused on providing the finest education for our students. We are committed to a nurturing, motivating and happy learning environment that will lead to quality learning outcomes. These aims must be embedded within the framework of a sound and efficient Business and Financial Plan. Our School Fee Policy is the cornerstone of this plan and our aim for quality learning outcomes is therefore dependent upon a policy that meets the needs of the College and is supported by the parents.

Despite a modest fee increase for the 2019 school year, the College is committed to ensuring it provides the highest standards in education and continues to be a nurturing environment.

Accordingly, for the 2019 school year, the College will provide the following:

Primary School: Refer to section 1.3 for terms on discounts

- ✓ A 5% prepayment discount for Primary School families who wish to pay the full year's Tuition Fees in advance. The prepayment discount must be prearranged with Finance prior to the closing date.
- ✓ A discount of \$96 per term to Primary School full-fee paying families who choose to pay the full term Tuition Fee by the due date stipulated in section 1.2.
- ✓ Sibling discount
- ✓ For Primary School families with monthly direct debit arrangements, the Total Annual Fee will be deducted in 12 instalments on the 15th of each month, commencing 15th January 2019.
- ✓ Invoices will be emailed to Primary School families to provide the balance. *Families requesting manual statements will be charged an administrative fee.*

Preschool

- ✓ All enquiries for a 3% prepayment discount for Preschool Families who wish to pay the full years' Tuition Fees in advance are to be made with the Preschool Officer or the Business Manager prior to the 15th January 2019. Enquiries received after 15 January 2019 will not be considered. Refer to section 2.4.1 for terms.
- ✓ Preschool families will be billed weekly, upon the first week of attendance.
- ✓ Invoices will be uploaded on the Xplor App for families on a weekly basis. *Families requesting manual statements will be charged an administrative fee.*

Please find attached the details of the applicable Tuition Fees, Levies and payment conditions for new and existing students of Sholem Aleichem College for the 2019 school year.

By enrolling your child at Sholem Aleichem College, you agree to all tuition fees, levies and payment terms and conditions as specified in this document.

****Please note that fees and terms are subject to variation on 60 days' notice by email to you.***

College Donations

The total amount of non-compulsory donation is \$216 per annum, or \$54 per term per family. Payment of this amount will be accepted as a donation to the Building Fund and as such a tax deductible receipt will be issued.

Our college benefits greatly from the generous donations provided to us by members of our community.

There are two key ways in which you can support the College.

By supporting our Scholarship or Jewish School Fund, your donations enable us to provide a full and vibrant Jewish Education to children of all families who desire this, regardless of their financial situation. A Jewish Education should be available to all who value its importance, irrespective of wealth or means, and your generosity makes you a partner with us in fulfilling this vital responsibility.

By supporting our Building Fund or Library Fund, your donations enable us to ensure that our buildings and facilities are commensurate with the needs of children receiving a 21st Century Education. Whether it is the provision of additional resources, cutting edge educational technology, building new play equipment or ensuring our classrooms are modern and engaging, you can be sure your support will make a powerful difference in the lives of our young children.

1.0 PRIMARY SCHOOL and JEWISH SCHOOL 2019

1.1 PRIMARY AND JEWISH SCHOOL FEES * ANNUAL Fees and Levies

| Year Level | ANNUAL TUITION FEE <small>GST Exclusive</small> | Annual Levies | | TOTAL ANNUAL FEE (Incl. Security & Resources Levies) | TOTAL PER TERM FEE (Incl. Security & Resources Levies)* |
|--------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | Security <small>GST Inclusive</small> | Resources <small>GST Exclusive</small> | | |
| Prep | \$11,350 | \$1,035 | \$2,110 | \$14,495 | \$3,623.75 |
| Year 1 & Year 2 | \$11,980 | \$1,035 | \$2,110 | \$15,125 | \$3,781.25 |
| Year 3 & Year 4 | \$12,700 | \$1,035 | \$2,110 | \$15,845 | \$3,961.25 |
| Year 5 & Year 6 | \$13,300 | \$1,035 | \$2,110 | \$16,445 | \$4,111.25 |

- The Primary Annual Levies Packages contributes towards the cost of excursions, incursions, security, swimming, stationery, texts, PE equipment, computer resources, concert materials, music events etc.
- **45% of the fees received by the College for Jewish Studies are allocated to the Jewish School.**

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

The following charges are not included with the fees and will be applied to the fee statement upon use. These costs are payable when the charge is applied and cannot be included in annual fee payment plans.

- Camps,
- Chromebooks,
- Instrumental Music
- Participation Levy – for families not on a payment plan *(This levy can be credited upon receipt of the application form, available on the App)*

1.1.1 PARTICIPATION LEVY (additional Levy)

\$486 (incl. GST) per year, **per family** - payable in four equal instalments during the year (4 x \$121.50). This levy will be applied to the bill of the youngest sibling.

Families on payment plans have this levy included in their monthly payment plan.

This Participation Levy component of the fees may be worked off by parents assisting in the Primary School for 24 hours during the course of the school year (6 hours per term).

The maximum amount capable of being credited towards the Participation Levy per term per family is \$121.50 (incl. GST).

Note: Hours worked in lieu of payment of the Participation Levy can only be claimed and applied for the current year. These claims cannot relate to hours worked in any prior school year. Forms to claim hours worked in lieu of payment of the Participation Levy for 2019 are available from reception and the Sholem App. Credits will be determined in the sole discretion of the College. Once the forms are received and signed by the Principal the credit for hours claimed and agreed will be applied to the fee statement.

1.2 PRIMARY AND JEWISH SCHOOL BILLING DATES

Fees are billed in four instalments per year and are due and payable two weeks after billing. Billing and payment dates are as follows:

| | Billed: | Due and Payable by: |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Term 1 2019 | November 30, 2018 | December 14, 2018* |
| Term 2 2019 | Mar 16, 2019 | March 29, 2019 |
| Term 3 2019 | June 15, 2019 | June 29, 2019 |
| Term 4 2019 | August 31, 2019 | September 14, 2019 |
| Term 1 2020 | November 29, 2019 | December 13, 2019 |

***NOTE:** Families on annual agreed payment plans must pay the first instalment on January 15, 2019.

Payment of school fees by the due dates specified will be strictly monitored and enforced by the College.

1.3 DISCOUNTS—PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEFINITION:

A student is a *full-fee paying student* if they do not receive any fee discount other than the sibling discount.

NOTE: Levies are billed separately from tuition fees and are not eligible for a subsidy or discount.

1.3.1 SIBLING DISCOUNTS

The following sibling discount is available to **full-fee paying students only** and apply only to Tuition Fees – (levies are not discounted)

- 2nd child at the College receives a 10% reduction.
- 3rd child at the College receives a 12% reduction.
- Each additional child (4th, 5th etc.) at the College each receives a 12% reduction.

1.3.2 ANNUAL FEES PAID IN FULL

The following discounts are available to **full-fee paying students only**.

A discount of 5% will be applied to the Annual Tuition Fees for the Primary School which are paid in full on or before 26 January 2019. This discount is not available for levies, part years' fees and will not apply to overdue balances.

1.3.3 PAY ON TIME DISCOUNT

Full-fee paying families who pay the term fee in full by the due dates will receive \$96 per term credit to their account. **Exceptions apply.**

1.3.4 HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS

Additional financial support may be provided by the Government to Health Care Card holders. If you think you may be entitled to any such support, please provide a copy of your Health Care Card documents to the Finance Office.

1.3.5 CONCESSIONS

Concessions to discount Tuition Fees may be available upon application. The concessions are not available for levies and no further discounts apply in accordance with the exceptions provided. To apply for a concession to Tuition Fees, families may request a concession application from the business manager. Families currently on concessions are required to provide the documents set out in the concession form on an annual basis or as requested by the business manager so that renewal of the agreement can be considered each year.

Important: **All concessions are revised annually and will not be automatically rolled forward each year.** The granting of concessions is at the sole discretion of the College.

Concession-holders are required to enter into a monthly payment plan for direct debit of the agreed instalment. The College may in its discretion impose additional terms and conditions in relation to any concessions granted.

EXCEPTIONS: discount is *not available*:

- to any partial payment of Annual Tuition Fees; or
- for sibling discounts i.e the 5% discount is calculated on the balance of tuition fees after the sibling discount is deducted
- for Levies
- to any overdue fees or balance carried forward from prior years or
- for students receiving a bursary, scholarship, concession, pay on time discount or any other discounts to take up after 26 January 2019.

1.4 ENROLMENT FEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

There is a \$450 non-refundable enrolment fee required for all Primary School children. This fee is required for new families who are enrolling in the Primary School.

If you do not proceed with the enrolment, the full amount of the enrolment fee is forfeited.

2.0 PRESCHOOL 2019

2.1 PRESCHOOL FEES

Preschool fees will be billed weekly and must be paid by a direct debit authority system.

Full-time: \$630 per week

Part-time: \$145 per day

| Year Level | Daily Fee (GST exclusive) | Weekly Fee (GST exclusive) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Junior Preschool - 3 days | \$145 | \$435 |
| Junior Preschool - 4 days | \$145 | \$580 |
| Junior and Senior - Full time | \$126 | \$630 |

A **holding fee** may be applied to hold a place for any child commencing in the Preschool at a later date than scheduled.

50% of the scheduled part-time fee will be charged for all Public and Jewish Holidays and Professional Development days which occur during the normal operating periods. This applies to all Preschool enrolments whether full- or part-time.

2.2 PRESCHOOL LEVIES

2.2.1 SECURITY LEVY

\$1,035 (incl. GST) per student – payable in four equal instalments during the year (4 x \$258.75) on the dates specified in clause 2.5.1 of the payment terms and conditions.

2.2.2 RESOURCES AND EXCURSIONS LEVY

\$650 (GST exclusive) per student – payable in four equal instalments during the year (4 x \$162.50) on the dates specified in clause 2.5.1 of the payment terms and conditions.

2.2.3 PARTICIPATION LEVY

\$486 (incl. GST) per year, **per family** – payable in four equal instalments during the year (4 x \$121.50) on the dates specified in clause 2.5.1 of the payment terms and conditions. This levy will be applied to the bill of the youngest sibling.

This Participation Levy component of the fees is not eligible to be included for Government subsidy as it is able to be worked off by parents assisting in the **Preschool** for 24 hours during the course of the school year (6 hours per term). The maximum amount capable of being credited towards the Participation Levy per term per family is \$121.50 (incl. GST).

Note: Hours worked in lieu of payment of the Participation Levy can only be claimed and applied for the current year. These claims cannot relate to hours worked in any prior school year. *Forms to claim hours worked in lieu of payment of the Participation Levy are available from reception and the Sholem App. Credits will be determined in the sole discretion of the College. Once the forms are received and signed by the Principal the credit for hours claimed and agreed will be applied to the fee statement.*

2.3 ENROLMENT FEE PRESCHOOL

There is a \$900 enrolment fee required for all Preschool children. This fee is required for new preschool families.

Please note: The enrolment agreement remains valid and ongoing for the term of the Primary School education until written notice of withdrawal is provided to the Principal.

If the enrolment proceeds in Primary School, 50% (\$450) enrolment fee will be applied towards the Term 4 fees for that year and the balance (\$450) will be refunded in Term 4, of grade 6.

If you do not proceed with the enrolment, the full amount of the enrolment fee is forfeited.

2.4 DISCOUNTS PRE-SCHOOL

NOTE: Levies are billed separately from tuition fees and are not eligible for a subsidy or discount.

2.4.1 ANNUAL FEES PAID IN FULL

A **3%** prepayment discount for Preschool families who wish to pay the full years' Tuition Fees in advance can only be calculated upon an estimated total. As Centrelink provides a weekly subsidy on tuition fees, we are unable to accurately calculate the adjusted fees that will apply for a full year in the Preschool. This may result in a balance that may be payable at year end. Applications for a prepayment discount for Preschool families who wish to pay the full years' Tuition Fees in advance is only considered upon application in writing to the Preschool Officer or Business Manager. Applications will only be accepted until 31 January 2019.

2.5 SUBSIDYS / FUNDING

Government subsidy's such as the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) may be available upon registration with Centrelink. All subsidy calculations apply to tuition fees, excluding levies and will be provided directly from Centrelink.

- Parents must provide their CRN number to the Preschool Officer at the commencement of enrolment each year to receive a subsidy.
NOTE: If the CRN number is not provided upon commencement of the School year, an administrative fee of \$150 will be charged to apply backdated attendances.
- The subsidy provided by Centrelink is based on weekly attendances in addition to the total of weekly fees and levies that are paid. Full fees will be due during periods where the maximum Centrelink subsidy has been provided.
- The Preschool Fees must be paid to the College weekly. **The weekly fees must not be withheld or deferred pending Centrelink subsidy.**
- **Preschool parents must provide 10 weeks written notice if their child will be finishing preschool before the end of term.** The CCS rules state "if a family has confirmed their child's last day at a service, but that child does not attend their last booked sessions of care, no Child Care Subsidy will be paid for any days after the child's last physical attendance at the service". Therefore, if your child is absent for any number days before their enrolment ends you will not be entitled to CCS payments for those days.

Parents themselves must apply to Centrelink via MyGov for CCS to be applied to Preschool fees. The College cannot apply for parents to receive CCS. Parents who fail to apply for and obtain a subsidy are required to pay full fees.

Contact: Xanthe (Preschool Officer) for queries regarding your requirements at preschoolofficer@sholem.vic.edu.au

Additional funding may be provided to Health Care Card holders. Please provide a copy of relevant Health Care Card documents to the College Finance Department.

2.6 PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

2.6.1 PRESCHOOL BILLING DATES

Payment of all fees by due dates specified will be strictly monitored and enforced by the College.

Fees will be billed on a weekly basis and provided on Xplor for parents to access every Wednesday. The fees are direct debited on Thursday of the same week. The payment authorities for weekly direct debits must be provided to the Preschool Officer prior to commencement.

2.6.2 LEVIES

Levies will be billed and invoiced separately to tuition fees in four instalments per year on the following dates:

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|--------------|---|
| Instalment 1 | First bill (received within one week of commencement) |
| Instalment 2 | Week of 10 April 2019 |
| Instalment 3 | Week of 3 July 2019 |
| Instalment 4 | Week of 25 September 2019 |

Levies must be paid by 5:00pm on the Friday of the week in which they are invoiced.

2.6.3 LATE PICK-UP FEE

Parents are required to collect their Preschool child/ren by no later than 5.30pm daily. A late pick-up fee of \$30 per 15 minute period (or part thereof) after 5:30pm is payable for each child that is not collected by 5:30pm. For example, if a child is collected at 5:50pm, the applicable late pick-up fee is \$60. If a child is collected at 6:20pm, the applicable late pick-up fee is \$120. . The late pick-up fees referred to in this clause 2.5.2 are a genuine pre-estimate of the College's losses and costs that would be incurred by the College in circumstances where children are not collected by 5:30pm each day.

3.0 PAYMENT OPTIONS (Primary and Preschool)

The Preschool requires a periodic weekly direct debit authority. This must be completed at the time of enrolment.

Families are required to provide a new Preschool Payment Authority Form annually.

A separate Payment Authority Form must be completed for sibling Primary School payments.

Primary School and Jewish School

(Primary School on agreed payment plans)

- Credit Card
- Direct Debit Authorisation
- Direct Deposit (by arrangement with the business manager only)

Families on agreed plans for Primary School Fees are required to complete a Payment Authority Form for monthly periodic payments. Monthly instalments commence on 15 January 2018. **All other fees for Term 1, 2019 are due by 8 January 2019.**

Preschool

(Preschool – payment billed and due on a weekly basis)

- Credit Card
- Direct Debit Authorisation

A separate Payment Authority Form must be completed for Preschool payments.

Conditions

The College accepts both Visa and MasterCard as well as debit cards. Credit card facilities are available either at the College Office, or over the phone.

All families of Primary and Preschool are required to complete a Payment Authority Form for the 2019 fee direct debit payments. These are available from the business office located at 7 Selwyn Street, Elsternwick 3185.

4.0 DEFAULT

If fees are not paid by the due date, the College reserves its rights to take whatever steps are deemed necessary to recover overdue accounts, including without limitation the right to:

- (a) commence debt collection activity or legal proceedings to recover all amounts owing to College, including the College's legal and recovery costs on an indemnity basis;
- (b) charge families the bank fee incurred by the College for all direct debit default and reversals; in addition to a \$25 Administration fee;
- (c) terminate the enrolment of the student to which the overdue fees relate, or any or all siblings of that student, on 30 days' prior written notice;
- (d) charge monthly interest on any overdue fees at the rate fixed under the *Penalty Interest Rate Act 1983* (Vic) from time to time plus 2%;
- (e) immediately withdraw the College's agreement to applied discounts and concessions and recover those amounts as part of any debt collection or legal proceeding; and
- (f) notify Centrelink or any other relevant authority of default.

5.0 ABSENCE

Fees for Preschool, Primary and Jewish School are not reduced on the basis of any period of absence from school.

For Preschool Students, there is a limit of 42 days' absence provided by Centrelink. These absence days run for a financial year, not calendar year. Where there is more than 42 days of absences, Centrelink may remove the subsidy and benefits. If this occurs, the full fees are due and payable to the Preschool by parents.

In the event of absence for the family taking a holiday or leave during term, the fees are not reduced and remain payable in full.

6.0 FINISHING ATTENDANCE PRIOR TO END OF TERM

Preschool parents must provide 10 weeks written notice if their child will be finishing preschool before the end of term. The CCS rules state "if a family has confirmed their child's last day at a service, but that child does not attend their last booked sessions of care, no Child Care Subsidy will be paid for any days after the child's last physical attendance at the service". Therefore, if your child is absent for any number days before their enrolment ends you will not be entitled to CCS payments for those days.

7.0 CHANGING PRESCHOOL DAYS

Parents must provide 10 weeks' written notice to the College to reduce a child's number of days for Preschool. Fees at the enrolled number of days will remain payable for 10 weeks after notice is received by the College unless the days reduced can be filled earlier.

Requests for an increase in number of days will be subject to availability.

The notice period must be provided during term weeks only; any periods during which the Preschool is closed (e.g. during school holidays) is not counted for the purpose of the notice period. Failure to comply with this requirement entitles the College to charge 10 weeks in Preschool fees.

8.0 WITHDRAWAL OF A STUDENT

Parents must provide one full term's written notice for Primary School and 10 weeks' written notice for Preschool to the Principal to withdraw a child from the Primary or Preschool. The notice period must be provided during term weeks only; any time the Primary or Preschool is closed (e.g. for public holidays or during school holidays) is not counted for the purpose of the notice period.

9.0 DEBTS OWED FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF A STUDENT

If a parent fails to give notice in accordance with clause 7, then a charge equivalent to all amounts that would have been payable for the applicable notice period will apply (in addition to any overdue amounts relating to the student being withdrawn).

At the sole discretion of the College, the College may enter into a payment plan for repayment of all fees following withdrawal of a student. The maximum term for any payment plan agreed to by the College is one year. These arrangements can only be provided with an agreed direct debit arrangement. Any such arrangement must be pre-arranged with the Business Manager upon the required notice of withdrawal in accordance with clause 7. Failure to pay any amounts owing to the College pursuant to this clause 8 may result in the debt being issued to an external collection agency (where additional costs may apply) or otherwise dealt with in accordance with clause 4 (Default).

10 WHO TO CONTACT

All matters of finance including payment arrangements and concession applications are made by appointment with our Business Manager, Dianne Rich at businessmanager@sholem.vic.edu.au

11 Governing Law

This policy is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of or in that State and courts of appeal from such courts.

12 Entire agreement

This policy sets out the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this policy and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and representations.

13 Provisions severable

If any provision of this policy is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be affected and such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision is to be severed from this policy.

Helen Greenberg
Principal

Please make sure that you read the 2019 Fee Policy, as it updates and supersedes the 2018 Fee Policy.

By maintaining your child's enrolment at the Sholem Aleichem College and Jewish School, you unconditionally accept and agree to all fees, levies and payment terms and conditions as specified in the Fee Policy 2019, as amended from time to time.