

2026 Fee Arrangements



Tuition Fees and Charges 2026

Tuition fees are charged on an annual basis. The first fee statement, issued in February, shows the full year's charges for your records only. You are not required to pay the total amount shown upfront unless you haven't chosen a payment arrangement. Updated statements will be sent at the beginning of each term to help you track your balance.

Tuition Fee Amounts

Approved Tuition fees for 2026 are as follows:

Year 7 Students \$7,310.00

Year 8 Students \$7,230.00

Year 9 Students \$7,810.00

Year 10 Students \$7,910.00

Year 11 Students \$8,200.00

Year 12 Students \$8,200.00

E- resources

The cost of digital resources are now incorporated in tuition fees and will no longer appear on the booklist.

Year 7 Instrumental Program

In 2026, Damascus College is introducing structured instrumental group tuition, where every year 7 student will be given the opportunity to learn an instrument for a term. This cost is included in the Year 7 tuition fee.

Capital Levy

Damascus College is investing heavily in major capital works, with the recent completion of the Xavier Flood Senior Learning Centre, the impending upgrade of the outdoor courts, and planning is well underway for the Design Arts and Technology Centre. For 2026, the Capital Levy is \$600.00 per family to support this work.

Student Device Program

In partnership with the College, students are provided with a Microsoft Surface Pro. As devices are increasing in capability and cost, for 2026 the contribution toward this device will be as follows:

Year 7 Students \$650.00

Year 8 Students \$420.00

Year 9 Students \$320.00

Year 10 Students \$650.00

Year 11 Students \$420.00

Year 12 Students \$320.00

Extra-Curricular Charges

The tuition fee covers costs related to the College tuition, administration, subject levies, camps, excursions, and incidentals. The tuition fee **does not** cover optional aspects of the College's program, services provided for individual music tuition, overseas travel, the Rowing program, and some major projects undertaken by senior technology students. These will be charged at various times through the year as appropriate.

Student Departures and Withdrawals

Parents and guardians are reminded that early written notification of a student withdrawing during the College year is required. Where a student exits the College during a Term, fees are payable to end of the Term the student exited. Fee accounts will be adjusted pro rata for tuition fees and the capital levy. Student devices are to be returned on exit or the replacement cost will be charged to the fee account. Upon exiting all outstanding fees are due and payable within 14 days.

Payment Options & Direct Debit Procedures



Payment Options: The following options are available for the payment of school fees:

Payment in Full by 27 February 2026 (This will attract a discount) The following early payment discount is offered where the fee account is paid in full by February 27, 2026: One Student **\$200.00** Two or more students **\$350.00**

Families who choose to pay in full via direct debit or credit card will have their payments processed on February 27.

Please note: Where the fee account is split between families the payment in full discount will be split accordingly.

Instalments: The following instalment arrangements are available:

- Weekly payments (not available for Credit Card payments via direct debit)
- Fortnightly payments
- Monthly payments
- Quarterly payments

Payment Facilities: The following facilities are available for the payment of accounts:

- Cash
- Bpay
- Direct Debit
- Credit Card
- EFTPOS
- Centrepay Deduction

Direct Debit Rejection Procedure

To ensure the smooth and consistent collection of fees, the following process applies to all accounts using direct debit & direct credit as a payment method.

1. Direct Debit / Direct Credit Card Rejections

Where a direct debit payment is rejected by the payer's financial institution, the following process will apply:

- **Administrative Fee:**
An administrative fee of **\$20.00** will be charged to the account for each of the **first five (5)** rejected payments.
This fee covers the cost of managing failed transactions and associated follow-up.

2. Cancellation of Direct Debit

- After **five (5)** consecutive or cumulative rejections, the direct debit arrangement will be **automatically cancelled**.
- The **full outstanding balance** on the account will become **immediately due and payable within 14 days** of the fifth rejection.

3. Non-Payment or No Response

If payment is not received or no communication is made with the finance department within the 14-day period:

- All current and future **enrolments will be placed on hold** pending a fee appointment with the Finance Manager to discuss and resolve the account status

Support for the Cost of Education



Family Discounts – two children

A discount applies where two children in a family attend the College at the same time, with an automatic discount of 12.5% off the total Tuition Fees.

Family Fee Structure – more than two children

Where three or more students from the one family attend the College in a school year, the tuition fee charged will be limited to the fees for the eldest two students, and the 12.5% family discount will be applied. The effect of this is that the total payable is limited to two students only.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Eligible families will have an allowance applied against their fee account as camps, sports & excursion costs are built into the tuition fees. Those that are eligible to apply for the CSEF are:

- families holding a valid means-tested concession card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card)
- a special consideration category also exists for refugee and asylum seeker families and students placed in out of home care.

Eligible means-tested cards

Means-tested concession cards must now be valid on either:

- the first day of Term 1
- the first day of Term 2

The full list of eligible concession and health care cards is available on the [Services Australia](#) website.

For Veterans' Affairs, gold cards are the only means tested cards for this type. This card must be sighted, and a photocopy taken by the school to confirm the expiry date and eligibility. Cards that are not financially means tested are not accepted. From 1 January 2026, families eligible for CSEF will see an increase in support to \$400 for primary and secondary school children, up from \$154 and \$256 respectively. Applications for 2026 CSEF support will open from 27 January 2026 and close on the 26 June.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF) [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Resources | VIC.GOV.AU | Policy and Advisory Library](#)

Further Support

If you have any concerns regarding payment of college fees, you are encouraged to discuss these at any time with the Finance Manager. To arrange an appointment please phone Tracey Williams on 5337 2236. Where appropriate, you may be able to make alternative arrangements to pay fees or seek a concession. Please communicate any financial hardship with the school as soon as possible to help the school determine the most appropriate support.

Debt Collection Procedures

As a last resort the College will commence debt recovery or take legal action where no adequate response has been achieved from approaches for fee payment. Costs incurred by the College from such methods are fully recoverable from the Debtor. This is a last resort for the College but is necessary as a matter of justice for paying members of the school community and the financial sustainability of the College. **Please note:** Where an account has been referred for legal action families will be required to make an appointment with the Principal/ Leader of Business Services to discuss the continued enrolment. Failure to comply with this request may see the enrolment discontinued.

A copy of the College School Fees Policy is available on the website www.damascus.vic.edu.au

2026 Direct Debit & Credit Card Schedule



2026 DD & CC Schedule of Dates

Weekly			Fortnightly	
1st	5/02/2026		1st	12/02/2026
2nd	12/02/2026		2nd	26/02/2026
3rd	19/02/2026		3rd	12/03/2026
4th	26/02/2026		4th	26/03/2026
5th	5/03/2026		5th	9/04/2026
6th	12/03/2026		6th	23/04/2026
7th	19/03/2026		7th	7/05/2026
8th	26/03/2026		8th	21/05/2026
9th	2/04/2026		9th	4/06/2026
10th	9/04/2026		10th	18/06/2026
11th	16/04/2026		11th	2/07/2026
12th	23/04/2026		12th	16/07/2026
13th	30/04/2026		13th	30/07/2026
14th	7/05/2026		14th	13/08/2026
15th	14/05/2026		15th	27/08/2026
16th	21/05/2026		16th	10/09/2026
17th	28/05/2026		17th	24/09/2026
18th	4/06/2026		18th	8/10/2026
19th	11/06/2026		19th	22/10/2026
20th	18/06/2026		20th	5/11/2026
21st	25/06/2026			
22nd	2/07/2026		Monthly	
23rd	9/07/2026		1st	17/02/2026
24th	16/07/2026		2nd	17/03/2026
25th	23/07/2026		3rd	17/04/2026
26th	30/07/2026		4th	17/05/2026
27th	6/08/2026		5th	17/06/2026
28th	13/08/2026		6th	17/07/2026
29th	20/08/2026		7th	17/08/2026
30th	27/08/2026		8th	17/09/2026
31st	3/09/2026		9th	17/10/2026
32nd	10/09/2026		10th	17/11/2026
33rd	17/09/2026			
34th	24/09/2026		Quarterly	
35th	1/10/2026		1st	13/02/2026
36th	8/10/2026		2nd	1/05/2026
37th	15/10/2026		3rd	24/07/2026
38th	22/10/2026		4th	16/10/2026
39th	29/10/2026			
40th	5/11/2026			
			Annual	
				27/02/2026