



2018 Tuition Fees and Collection Policy Resident Students K-12

Application Fee:	1st child, non-refundable	\$242 (including GST)
Application Fee:	Any consecutive child, non-refundable	\$193 (including GST)
Enrolment Fee:	Non-refundable	\$1,750 (GST free)

Tuition Fees (GST Free)

Kindergarten to Year 2	\$16,765 per year
Years 3 to 6	\$17,920 per year
Years 7 to 8	\$24,055 per year
Years 9 to 10	\$24,900 per year
Years 11 to 12	\$25,950 per year

Compulsory Activity Levy

Annual Charge Kindergarten to Year 2	\$590 (including \$8 GST)
Annual Charge Years 3 to 6	\$850 (including \$12 GST)
Annual Charge Years 7 to 12	\$990 (including \$12 GST)

This levy is an annual charge and covers the cost of the School's core programs (academic, wellbeing and co-curricular activities run by staff). Please note that it does not cover uniform, textbooks and co-curricular activities run by paid consultants. It is payable in full for all students. This levy is non-refundable and credits will not be issued arising from failure to participate in core programs, illness or cessation of enrolment. By consolidating these core activities into one charge parents/carers have greater certainty as to the annual costs of a student's education.

In addition to core programs, elective co-curricular activities will be offered and parents/carers will be able to approve a student's participation and the associated cost of such activities during the course of the year. Elective co-curricular activities include, but are not limited to, specialist musical tuition, instrument hire, optional trips, optional sports activities, etc.

Charges for elective co-curricular and co-curricular activities run by paid consultants will be invoiced as soon as relevant costs can be reliably ascertained and will be due by the 28th day of the month after which they are invoiced. The due date for payment will appear on the invoice.

Voluntary Building Fund Donations (Fully Tax Deductible)

All parents/carers are encouraged to support the School's refurbishment and building projects by donating to a voluntary Building Fund (fully tax deductible). The suggested Building Fund donation of \$750 per annum (GST free) allows the School to maintain our first class facilities. This voluntary donation will be shown on the annual tax invoice.

Schedule of Fees

Annual Tuition Fees & Levies - Resident Students					
	Annual Tuition Fees	Compulsory Activity Levies	Net Annual Tuition Fees and Levies After Payment Discount		
			Option A Single Annual Payment*	Option B Four Quarterly Instalments*	Option C Ten Monthly Instalments*
Kindergarten to Year 2	\$16,765	\$590 (incl. \$8 GST)	\$17,020	\$17,187	\$17,355
Years 3 to 6	\$17,920	\$850 (incl. \$12 GST)	\$18,412	\$18,591	\$18,770
Years 7 to 8	\$24,055	\$990 (incl. \$12 GST)	\$24,564	\$24,804	\$25,045
Years 9 to 10	\$24,900	\$990 (incl. \$12 GST)	\$25,392	\$25,641	\$25,890
Years 11 to 12	\$25,950	\$990 (incl. \$12 GST)	\$26,421	\$26,681	\$26,940

*Please note that rounding may occur during payment.

Tuition fees and compulsory activity levies have increased by approximately 3.1% in 2018 in line with the Education CPI.

While it is expected that there will be no change to the Fees and Levies Schedule during the course of an academic year, the School Council reserves the right to change the Schedule in the event of exceptional circumstances.

Tuition Discount Schedule

All sibling discounts, scholarships and bursaries will be calculated as a percentage of the annual tuition fees.

Sibling Discounts

3rd sibling 20% reduction in annual tuition fees

4th and subsequent sibling 30% reduction in annual tuition fees

Sibling discounts apply when three or more siblings are enrolled at the same time.

Scholarships

The School offers a number of annual scholarships which cover full or part remission of tuition fees for students entering Years 7 and 11. These include the *Hills Grammar Academic Scholarships* for students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and participation across a range of subjects and the *Strive for Excellence Scholarships* for students who show outstanding involvement and continuous, positive participation in a range of pursuits including but not limited to Music, Sport, Creative & Performing Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM).

All Scholarship candidates are required to sit for the Scholarship test and each shortlisted applicant will be invited to a Scholarship Interview. The specific criteria for each category of scholarship are set out on the School's website at hillsgrammar.nsw.edu.au.

Invoicing of Fees, Levies and Charges

1. Invoices for annual tuition fee and compulsory activity levy will be issued on **18 January 2018**.
2. Statements will be issued each month to those families that have a transaction in that month and/or an outstanding balance at month end. All invoices and statements will be issued electronically by email to parents'/carers' preferred email addresses.
3. The tuition fee and activity levy invoices issued to families will disclose the amount of the payment required for each of the following three options available to families. If you are unclear on the amount to be paid under your preferred option, please do not hesitate to contact the Accounts Departments on 9654 5179 or email accounts@hillsgrammar.nsw.edu.au.
4. Please note that amounts invoiced for optional activities and incidental charges are not covered by the following fee payment options. These invoices will be due and payable by 28th day of the month after which they were invoiced. The due date will appear on the invoice.

Fee Payment Options

Method of Payment

1. Payments by American Express will incur a surcharge of 2.145% and by MasterCard and Visa a surcharge of 0.8%. All recurring bank account direct debit setup via the School's Pay Fees Online will attract a surcharge of \$0.38 per transaction. No surcharge will be applicable to Building Fund donations. No other credit/charge/debit card are accepted.
2. An administrative charge of \$50 may apply to each cheque, credit card or direct debit payment which fails due to insufficient funds, exceeding credit limit or expired card.
3. Parents/carers may select to pay the annual tuition fees and activity levy by one of the following options from **18 January 2018**. These options are not available outside specified timeframes.

Option A - One Annual Payment

1. Tuition fees and activity levies can be paid by one annual payment from **18 January 2018** to **8 February 2018**.
2. Parents/carers who accept this option and make payment on or before the due date will receive a credit to their account of 2.0% of the Net Annual Tuition Fees. This discount will be credited to the family account. If the payment is not received by the due date the discount will not be recognised.
3. The Net Annual Tuition Fees are calculated as the Annual Tuition Fee less any discounts, concessions, scholarships or bursaries provided to the family. The annual payment discount will not be applied to the activity levy, optional activities or other incidental billing.
4. Payment can be made by way of cheque, BPay, MasterCard, Visa, American Express and electronic funds transfer. No other credit/charge/debit cards are accepted. **Online payments are accepted via the School's secure website at hillsgrammar.nsw.edu.au.**
5. Upon receipt of notice of withdrawal any adjustment to the invoiced tuition fee will be calculated to the end of the applicable academic term, disregarding the said discount, and if appropriate a credit will be issued to the family.

Option B - Four Quarterly Instalments

1. Tuition fees and activity levies can be paid by four equal instalments:
 - First instalment between **18 January** and **28 January 2018**
 - Second instalment on or before **28 April 2018**
 - Third instalment on or before **20 July 2018**
 - Fourth and final instalment on or before **20 October 2018**
2. Parents/carers who accept this option and make all quarterly payments on or before the due dates will receive a credit to their account of 1.0% of the Net Annual Tuition Fees. This discount will be recognised in the family account by way of a 0.25% credit for each quarterly instalment paid by the due date. If an instalment is not received by the due date the discount will not be recognised.
3. The Net Annual Tuition Fees are calculated as the Annual Tuition Fee less any discounts, concessions, scholarships or bursaries provided to the family. The quarterly payment discount will not be applied to the activity levy, optional activities or other incidental billing.
4. Payment can be made by way of cheque, BPay, MasterCard, Visa, American Express and electronic funds transfer. No other credit/charge/debit cards are accepted. **Online payments are accepted via the School's secure website at hillsgrammar.nsw.edu.au.**
5. Upon receipt of notice of withdrawal any adjustment to the invoiced tuition fee will be calculated to the end of the applicable academic term, disregarding the said discount, and if appropriate a credit will be issued to the family.
6. We recommend that families establish direct debit arrangements for payment of the four instalments through the School's secure online payment portal. The direct debit arrangements will accept MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Direct Debit Electronic Funds Transfer.
7. **Parents/carers who have setup direct debit arrangements for 2017 will need to set it up again for 2018. This is because a direct debit arrangement will not automatically roll-over into the following year.**

Option C – Ten Monthly Instalments

1. Tuition fees and the activity levies can be paid in ten equal monthly instalments commencing on either the:

21 January 2018 **28 January 2018** **4 February 2018**

You must select one of the above three nominated dates in January to commence your monthly instalments.

2. Parents/carers can only choose this option by completing the direct debit instalment plan through the School's secure online payment portal at hillsgrammar.nsw.edu.au from **18 January 2018**.
3. Parents/carers must use the School's secure online payment portal and you cannot make the payments by any other means.
4. In offering families the opportunity to make payments by means of regular smaller instalments, the School has had to balance the degree of flexibility for families against the additional administrative tasks of managing these instalments. We believe this system provides families with greater flexibility while allowing us to efficiently and effectively manage the payment system.
5. The direct debit arrangements will accept MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Direct Debit Electronic Funds Transfer.
6. **Parents/carers who have setup direct debit arrangements for 2017 will need to set it up again for 2018. This is because a direct debit arrangement will not automatically roll-over into the following year.**

Non-payment of Fees

1. A reminder email to families with an overdue balance will be sent by the Accounts Manager 14 days after the due date requesting payment within 7 days.
2. Where payment in full is not received, a Principal's reminder letter will be issued requesting for a response within 48 hours and payment within 7 days.
3. Where fees and charges continue to be overdue for more than 28 days a Principal's stand down letter will be issued and unless full payment is made within 7 days, a student's enrolment may be discontinued from the beginning of the following school term and in the meantime a student may not be permitted to participate in optional School events (such as elective co-curricular options).
4. The overdue debt will be referred to the School's debt collection agency with instructions to commence legal proceedings for recovery of the overdue debt at the appropriate time.
5. Late payment administrative fee of 1.0% per month will be charged on overdue balances and invoiced on the family account.
6. Where an overdue debt is referred to the School's debt collection agency, an agency fee of 11% of the balance referred will be charged to the family account. All legal expenses and costs associated with the collection of the overdue debt incurred by the School will be charged to the family account.
7. The National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009 applies where a supplier allows a debt to be deferred. The School is not a credit provider under the Act and settlement of accounts must be made in accordance with the terms of payment. The School is no longer in a position to offer payment plans. Parents/carers who require financial assistance for the payment of School accounts should contact their own bank or credit provider. Although the School is unable to provide any financial advice or make any recommendations, the School is able to refer parents/carers to credit providers who may be able to assist. Please contact our Accounts Department at 9654 5179 or email accounts@hillsgrammar.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Notice of Withdrawal

One term's notice of withdrawal of a student from the School must be given in writing to the Principal. In default of such notice, liquidated damages equivalent to a full term's fees will be payable to the School.

Upon receipt of notice of withdrawal any adjustment to the invoiced tuition fee will be calculated to the end of the applicable academic term and if appropriate a credit will be issued to the family.

If a student is withdrawn, any balance due to the school for that student must be paid in full on or before the student's final day of attendance.

As an example, if a student is being withdrawn and will not be attending School in Term 1 the following year, parents/carers must provide written notice before Term 4 commences.

Similarly, if a student withdraws from attending Term 3, parents/carers must provide written notice before Term 2 commences.

Acceptance of Enrolment Offer Form

Parents/carers are encouraged to review the signed form at the beginning of each year in order to be familiar with terms and conditions of enrolment. Please contact the Enrolment Office on 9654 2111 if you require a copy.