

Tropical North Steiner School

Tropical North Steiner School Fees & Charges Policy (reviewed 6/2021)

Tropical North Steiner School aims to make the school accessible to all families, however needs to give consideration to the running costs of the school. As a not for profit entity the school uses all income, including from school fees, to run a financially viable and sustainable school.

Tuition Fees Prep-Class 6	Per Term	Per Year
Tuition Full Rate	\$550	\$2200
Sibling Discount	Per Term	Per Year
2nd Child 20% off (of full rate tuition fee)	\$440	\$1760
3rd Child 30% off (of full rate tuition fee)	\$385	\$1540
4th Child 40% off (of full rate tuition fee)	\$330	\$1320
5th Child 50% off (of full rate tuition fee)	\$275	\$1100

Extra levies might be added as the school program progresses and will be reviewed periodically. Sibling discount applies to the tuition fee only.

Building fund contribution - \$100 per term per family

As the school will quickly outgrow the existing building, we need to start the process of capital development work and the building fund contribution will be held in a special trust account for this purpose only. While this contribution is voluntary, the school relies on raising funds to extend the current building. TNSS is established as a deductible gift recipient with the Australian Taxation Office, therefore the payment is tax deductible for parents.

Enrolment application fee - \$110 per child

After you have lodged an "Intention to Enrol" form, you will receive an invoice for this non-refundable fee. Payment of this fee and lodgement of the "Enrolment Application Form" will place your child on the waiting list.

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Enrolment acceptance fee - \$200 per child

This fee is payable on confirmation of enrolment after a personal interview has taken place. You will receive an invoice for this non-refundable fee. Payment of this fee and lodgement of the signed enrolment contract will confirm your child's acceptance.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees are compulsory charges and billed annually or per term. Tuition fees support the cost of class materials and resources, including books, crayons, pencils and other school stationary, handcraft and art materials.

Music materials/instruments and lessons will be invoiced separately as required.

Damaged or lost items

It is expected that students treat all materials with respect and care. Damaged or lost items will be replaced at cost to the family.

School camps and excursions

These will be invoiced separately as applicable and will be charged on a cost only basis at the time of each event.

Fee assistance

In recognition of our school's principle that Steiner Education should be as widely available as possible, temporary fee support is available on a need's basis. Please contact the office for an "Application Form for Temporary Fee Support".

Sibling discount

Sibling discounts are offered to families with more than one child enrolled and attending simultaneously. The eldest child enrolled is considered the first child in every case. Sibling discount applies to the tuition fees only.

You may choose to waive the sibling discount, in which case the additional funds are held in trust in our "Community Fund" to support current or future Tropical North Steiner School families experiencing severe financial hardship in maintaining their enrolment.

Payment options

Payments in full are preferred. In the instance that upfront payment is not an affordable option for your family, Tropical North Steiner School will offer payment plan options (per term). These payments will be for the total balance of tuition fees and levies (should levies be required) and are invoiced after the registration fee and the enrolment fee has been paid. Payment details will be on the invoice.

Changes to attendance

A full term's notice, in writing, is required for any change to your child's attendance. Failure to give a term's notice will result in families being billed for one term's fees in lieu thereof. Special consideration may be given in some circumstances, but this must be requested in writing to the School Facilitator. Should a child's enrolment contract be annulled or suspended, the current term's fees remain payable.

Methods of payment

Preferred method of payment is by direct deposit, account details will be on the enrolment application form/on the invoices.

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