2026 Fee Schedule - Overview

Introduction

This document outlines the fees and financial terms for families with children attending Casuarina Steiner School. School fees support the delivery of our core educational program, including classroom learning, festivals, camps, co-curricular activities and pastoral care throughout the year.
Fees are set by the School Board prior to the start of each school year so families can plan ahead for their financial commitments. A range of payment options is available to support families in meeting these commitments.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees cover all compulsory elements of the Casuarina Steiner School program. This includes festivals, materials, camps, swimming lessons, incursions, excursions and co-curricular activities.

Tuition fees also include one year of strings tuition (Class 3 – Semester 2 and Class 4 – Semester 1). After this period, families may choose to continue strings lessons during school time for an additional fee.

Voluntary contributions

From time to time, the School may invite families to make an additional voluntary contribution toward particular activities or events. These contributions are entirely optional and provide an opportunity for families who are able to support additional experiences.
Voluntary contributions help Casuarina offer enriched opportunities such as visiting music or theatre performances and parent workshops.

Financial commitment

Payment of school fees forms an important part of a family's ongoing enrolment at Casuarina Steiner School and supports the School in meeting its financial and operational responsibilities.

Families experiencing short-term financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the School as early as possible. Fee relief may be requested by submitting a Bursary Application Form, which will be considered confidentially.

Equity scholarships

Casuarina Steiner School is committed to supporting families who value Steiner education and actively contribute to the life of the School. Equity scholarships are designed to support children from lower-income families to commence or continue their education at Casuarina.

Equity scholarships are approved at the discretion of the School and Board, based on demonstrated financial need. Families interested in applying are invited to arrange a confidential conversation with the Business Manager.

2026 Fees

Application & Enrolment Fees	
Application Fee	No charge
Enrolment Fee (payable once an offer of enrolment is accepted)	$300

School Fees (Tuition, Educational Resourcing and Camps)	
Class	**1st Child Fee Per Term**
Peach Blossom (3 days)	$1,625
Kindergarten	$1,650
Class One	$1,685
Class Two	$1,685
Class Three	$1,765
Class Four	$1,765
Class Five	$1,810
Class Six	$1,810

Music Program	
Descant Recorder – required Class 1 to 6 (yours to keep – please note all students must have the same brand and model of recorder)	$85 (once off)
Instrument hire – Violin	$100 per year hire fee ($100 one-off refundable bond)
Instrument hire - Cello	$250 per year hire fee ($250 one-off refundable bond)
Cello or Violin lessons during school time: Semester 2 Class 3 and Semester 1 Class 4 (compulsory)	Included in School Fees
Private Cello or Violin lessons during school time: Semester 2 Class 4 to the end of Class 6 (optional)	Individual Lessons $350 per term Group Lessons $175 per term

Early Childhood Fees	
Parent and Child Group (Lavender Cottage)	$175 per term, One session per week Additional Sibling $70, Siblings under 12 months are free

Terms and Conditions 2026

Financial Agreements

Payment of school fees forms part of the partnership between families and Casuarina Steiner School. These financial terms are intended to clearly explain the commitments made upon enrolment and to encourage open communication should circumstances change. Families are asked to contact the Business Manager as early as possible if they anticipate difficulty meeting their fee commitments.

Scope of the Tuition and Fees

Enrolment Fee

A non-refundable Enrolment Fee of $300 per student to cover administration costs and the costs of setup and supplies is due once the child or children have been accepted to Casuarina School. This fee is payable before the child/children commence School.

Tuition and Musical Instrument Hire

Tuition Fees include most schoolwork expenses, including crayons/pencils, pens, compasses, lesson books and craft materials. Tuition fees do not cover the purchase or hire of musical instruments, or instrumental private lessons beyond the compulsory year of strings lessons (Semester 2 of Class 3 to end of Semester 1 Class 4).

Extra Curricular Costs

Students may attend extra-curricular and sporting activities organised by the Class Teacher during the year. Families may be invited to make a voluntary contribution. In some cases, class groups may also fundraise for special activities.

Music Program

All children in all classes engage in specialist music lessons, as well as the class music program led by the Class Teacher. For strings lessons, we engage private specialist strings teachers. This is co-ordinated by our Music Teacher.

National Testing Programs – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Casuarina Steiner School is required to offer national testing programs under its agreement with the Commonwealth Government. The cost of these tests is absorbed by the School for families who elect for their child to participate.

Fees and Payments

Fee Review

Fees and charges are reviewed annually by the Board. Fees for the following year are advised in December of the preceding year.

Per Term Invoicing

Fees are invoiced on a term-by-term basis, generally within the first week of each term. Payment is expected within 14 days of the invoice date unless an approved payment plan is in place.

Methods of Payment
The school offers a number of payment options:

Bank Transfer		Credit Card	Cash
Direct Transfer Account: BSB: Account Number: Or via **SentralPay**	 Casuarina School Cooperative Ltd 633 000 123 546 350	Visa or Mastercard via **SentralPay**	Via the school office

Payment Plans
The School also offers payment plans through our SentralPay system, with weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment options.

Payment plans are requested by sending an email to accounts@casuarina.nsw.edu.au, who will first configure the option in SentralPay and then Families can select the period of the payment instalments.

Fees associated with using SentralPay (payable by the family) are per transaction:

Bank Account:	$0.50
Visa/Mastercard:	1.5%

While instalment plans are expected to be completed by the end of the term, extended arrangements may be approved where necessary. Families are encouraged to contact the Business Manager to discuss options.

Discounts and Fee Relief

Up-front Discount
A 4% discount is available for families with children in Peach Blossom to Class 6 who elect to pay the full year's fees and close out their balance within the first three weeks of Term 1.

Please advise accounts@casuarina.nsw.edu.au if you wish to pay a year's fees up-front, and a specific invoice will be created for you.

Sibling Discounts
Sibling discounts apply where two or more children from the same immediate family attend classes from Peach Blossom to Class 6:

- For the second child, a 15% discount
- For the third child, a 30% discount
- For the fourth child, a 40% discount

Bursaries
We recognise that sometimes difficult situations arise that call for additional financial support. At Casuarina Steiner School, we offer a limited Bursary Program for those who might need fee relief. If you have any difficulties with your financial situation, please contact our Business Manager to request an application form.

Equity scholarships
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Equity scholarships are approved at the discretion of the School and Board, based on demonstrated financial need. Families interested in applying are invited to arrange a confidential conversation with the Business Manager.

Withdrawal
Families are asked to provide one full term's written notice when withdrawing a student from the School. Notice should be addressed to the Head of School.

Where sufficient notice is not provided, a withdrawal fee of $600 will apply. Any outstanding fees must be settled within seven days of the final statement of account. All loaned instruments, library books and school equipment must be returned before bonds can be refunded.

Responsibility for Paying Fees
All signatories to the enrolment application are jointly and severally responsible for payment of all fees and charges incurred.
Any proposed change to this arrangement must be requested in writing and agreed to by the School.
Non-payment of fees may result in cancellation of enrolment.

Late Payment
School fees are due within 14 days of the Invoice date, unless an approved payment plan is in place.
If circumstances arise that may prevent timely payment, families are asked to contact the Head of School or Business Manager as early as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.

Outstanding accounts may incur an administration fee of up to 10% per annum on the outstanding balance, calculated daily and applied monthly. In some circumstances, the School may suspend a student's attendance until the account is brought up to date.