

MARIDAHDI

EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

FEE AGREEMENT & POLICY 2024

School and Kindergarten fees are used in conjunction with Commonwealth and State funding to provide high quality art and learning resources, as well as exceptional adult to child classroom ratios to support children in their learning at Maridahdi. Maridahdi endeavours to keep fees as low as possible so that our ethos is accessible for all.

In 2024, Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School and Kindergarten Tuition Fees are as follows:

	Per Term	Annual Fee
Kindergarten	Free (*as per QLD Govt Free Kindy Initiative 2024)	
School Tuition Fees	\$1560	\$6240

Due Dates are advised on the accounts provided to parents and are generally due before that term commences.

Building Fund: We request that families consider contributing \$100 per term to the Maridahdi Early Childhood Community School Building Fund. These optional contributions are directed towards the acquisition, construction or maintenance of school buildings. Payments made to this fund are tax-deductible.

Fundraising Levy: An optional contribution of \$50 charged per term per family in lieu of an expectation that Maridahdi community members contribute to fundraising efforts.



Enrolment Application Processing Fee: \$150 for first application, \$50 for every subsequent sibling application (non-refundable).

Enrolment Fee: \$200 paid as acceptance of 2024 School position offered (non-refundable).

Discounts:

A 5% discount on tuition fees is available if paying a student's annual tuition fee upfront by the Term 1 invoice due date.

At any one time, when a family has, at the School:

- One child enrolled: 100% of tuition fees are payable;
- Two children simultaneously enrolled: 100% of tuition fees payable for one child and 85% of tuition fees payable for other child (equating to a 15% discount for the second child).
- Three (or more) children simultaneously enrolled: 100% of tuition fees payable for one child, 85% of tuition fees payable for second child and 70% of tuition fees payable for third (or more) child enrolled (equating to a 30% discount for the third (or more) child).

These discounts are subject to annual review and fees being paid up to date and in advance.

Maridahdi Community Governing Council financial membership: Nominal fee per adult (determined pre-AGM annually), payable as directed. Financial members may stand for election and vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and other Special Meetings (as called). The AGM is held in Term 1 or Term 2 of a school year.

Excursions: Families will be advised of any excursion costs in advance of the planned event.

Maridahdi Fee Policy:

1. Fees detailed are effective from 11 October 2023 and shall remain in force until such time as changed by the Maridahdi Community Governing Council (the 'Governing Council'.)
2. Whilst it is the general practice of the Governing Council to review and set fees on an annual basis, the Governing Council reserves the right to change these fees at any time.
3. As outlined in the Maridahdi Fee Agreement, fees fall due at the beginning of the period they cover and are payable in advance of the term they cover.
4. Please contact the School for advice in the event that you are unable to pay the fees by the due date. Please note that a Payment Plan is an option to manage payment of fees.
5. At least one term's written notice (10 weeks) of withdrawing a student from the School is required. If inadequate notice is given, a term's fees will be payable. The purpose of this clause is to support the school's planning process in relation to offers of enrolment to prospective students and staffing arrangements. As a small school, the impact of inadequate notice of a student's withdrawal can be substantial.
6. Students finishing Year 6 at the end of Term 4 in their last year are exempt from this requirement.
7. In the regrettable situation where fees are unpaid at the due date and/or agreed arrangements are not being maintained, or after repeated failure to meet the negotiated payment schedules then the Kindergarten or School may:
 - a. apply an administrative fee of 5% interest per term to the outstanding balance of tuition fees from that point on;
 - b. reverse any discounts or reductions in fees;
 - c. direct unpaid accounts to a Collection Agency and/or take legal action; and/or
 - d. terminate the enrolment of the student(s) to whom this point applies.

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