

MARIDAHDI

EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

FEE AGREEMENT & POLICY 2021

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. However to support this, we rely on day-to-day parent involvement in the Kindergarten and School, and in community maintaining the grounds and buildings: see the Maridahdi Enrolment Process and Policy for an outline of parent contributions required at Maridahdi.

In 2021, Maridahdi's Tuition Fees are as follows:

	Per Term	Annual Fee
Kindergarten	\$940	\$3760
School	\$1385	\$5540

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

Sibling Discount: At any one time, when a family has, at the Kindergarten and/or 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.
- Three (or more) children simultaneously enrolled: 100% of tuition fees payable for two children and 0% of tuition fees payable for third (or more) child enrolled.

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



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Building Fund: We request that families consider contributing \$100 per term to the Maridahdi 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 2021 Kindergarten or School position offered. Unlike the previous Enrolment Bond, this amount is non-refundable.

Maridahdi Community Governing Council financial membership: \$5 per adult, 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. Childcare is provided at the event and it is an opportunity for the community to gather and connect as well as hear the Principal/Deputy Principal's Report and attend to the usual business of an AGM.

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

Maridahdi Fee Policy:

1. Fees detailed are effective from 7 September 2020 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 will only be considered in situations where a term has been paid in advance and is subject to approval by the Principal and/or Business Manager.
5. 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. Due to our whole family approach as outlined in the Maridahdi Enrolment Policy, this may mean all students from a family may have their enrolment terminated.
6. At least one term's written notice (10 weeks) of withdrawing a student from the Kindergarten or School is required. If inadequate notice is given, a term's fees will be payable. Students finishing Year 6 at the end of Term 4 in their last year are exempt from this requirement.