



11 September, 2025

Dear Parents,

### **2026 Fees Schedule**

I am writing to you on behalf of the School Board regarding fees and charges for 2026.

Independent schools depend heavily on Commonwealth recurrent funding. At the same time, the DMI funding model enters year five of an eight-year transition period (2022 to 2029 inclusive). This model results in significant annual progressive decreases in recurrent per student funding for our School, in both dollar and real terms. In fact, our School faces one of the most significant funding decreases among all Victorian schools. This means fees will need to be raised in order to maintain total per capita income and to continue to offer the services expected by families.

Whilst State Government funding is a smaller component of recurrent income, it remains frozen at 2005 per student amounts, placing further pressure on private fees and charges.

Families will recall the State Government's decision in 2023 to impose payroll tax on some independent schools from July 2024. Whilst the School was not initially impacted by this, the Government's fees threshold was exceeded in 2024 and payroll tax will now become payable.

Whilst these three factors impact school fees, the Board is aiming to "smooth" increases, without compromising the quality of education.

The Board has approved a budget for 2026 that continues the School's core focus on excellence in teaching, learning and student wellbeing and safety. Staffing quality, support for students with additional needs, professional development, teaching resources and technology all reflect this underlying philosophy and commitment.

Following an extensive period of budget preparation and due diligence by the School Leadership Team, Finance and Audit Sub Committee and Board, fees and charges will increase by 6.50% in 2026.

Please find enclosed the full 2026 schedule of fees and charges, including methods and timing of payments.

If you have any queries regarding the enclosed fee schedule, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager, Kim Stokie ([Kim.Stokie@gvgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:Kim.Stokie@gvgs.vic.edu.au)), the Accounts Manager, Tanya Jones ([Tanya.Jones@gvgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:Tanya.Jones@gvgs.vic.edu.au)) or the Assistant Business Manager, Jacque Birchall ([Jacque.Birchall@gvgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:Jacque.Birchall@gvgs.vic.edu.au)).

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Galbraith  
Board Chair





# GOULBURN VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## **2026 SCHOOL FEES SCHEDULE**

<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Tuition Fee</b>	<b>Capital Charge</b>	<b>Fixed Charge</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Years 5 – 6	10,338	654	2,376	13,368
Years 7 - 8	14,553	654	3,183	18,390
Years 9 - 10	15,855	654	3,183	19,692
Year 11 - 12	17,094	654	3,183	20,931

### **Payment of Accounts**

Accounts are issued in February, May and August for one third of the above charges. Payment is due by the end of the month of issue. The Board has instructed the school leadership that all accounts are to be collected when due. Overdue accounts may be referred to our legal representatives and, unless payment arrangements can be approved and adhered to, students may be removed from the school and enrolment cancelled.

### **Capital Charge**

The capital charge is a contribution towards the provision and maintenance of buildings and capital plant and equipment.

### **Fixed Charge**

The fixed charge is payable to cover the cost of year level camps, compulsory excursions, library facilities, computer and technology provision, materials, sporting facilities and equipment, musical productions, school diary and the school magazine.

### **Sibling Discount**

Sibling discounts comprise 10% of the tuition fee for the second child and 15% for the third (and subsequent) child while they are studying together at the school. These reductions only apply to families not receiving some other form of fee relief.

### **Fees in Advance**

Provision exists to prepay the full year's fees and receive a 3.00% discount. This applies only for family accounts being paid in full and payment must be made by Friday 12 December 2025 in order to receive the discount. Please contact the school business office should you wish to take advantage of this offer.

### **Monthly Payment**

Accounts may be paid on a monthly basis. This may be done by arranging one of the following payment methods:

- i) Establishing an electronic periodical transfer to the school's bank account.
- ii) Completing a credit card authority form for a monthly charge on the 15th of each month.

It is important families paying on a monthly basis monitor their accounts closely throughout the year to ensure regular payments are adjusted appropriately to take into account any additional charges, such as music lessons. Please contact the school business office should you wish to arrange this.

**Please note that outstanding balances must be cleared in full by 30 November 2026.**

**Bank Account**

The school's bank account details for direct payment are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
Account No. 1014-6986  
BSB 063-527  
Name of Account: Goulburn Valley Grammar School Ltd.

Please always quote your account code from your fees account.

**Private Buses**

Students travelling on private bus services will be charged one third of the annual cost on each of the three fees accounts. Families eligible for State Government conveyance allowances will have these credited to their second account (semester one allowance) and third account (semester two allowance).

**Music Tuition and Voice and Communication**

Music and voice and communication lessons are charged on the second (semester one lessons) and third (semester two lessons) accounts. Further details are contained on the 2025 information sheets.

**Outdoor Education**

Students undertaking the elective subject Outdoor Education will have amounts payable relating to specific activities. These will be advised to parents by the subject teachers in the weeks leading up to the activity.

**Other Charges**

The school aims to minimise any additional charges to families, however should these be necessary, additional accounts may be issued from time to time. Such charges may include ICCES sporting tours, AMEB examinations and software licence fees.

Should you have any queries regarding fees and charges, please do not hesitate to contact the following staff in the school business office on (03) 5833 3300.

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