

The School Board has determined that the following scale of fees and charges will apply for the 2026 year.

Enrolment Deposit

An Enrolment Deposit of \$1,600.00 per child is payable on confirmation of an enrolment prior to the student commencing at Dara School.

The deposit will be held until the student's last term of schooling at Dara School and will be refunded, less any outstanding fees. If all fees are paid it can be donated to either the School's Building or Scholarship Fund.

Fee Invoicing and Payment

Invoices for fees are prepared on a term-by-term basis and emailed to families prior to the start of each term.

Adjustments for discounts and fee remissions will be made once eligibility is confirmed.

Fees can be paid by:

- Cash or Cheque (made payable to Dara Village Inc).
- EFTPOS (Credit or Debit Card) at the front office.
- Direct Credit (Bank details and Reference for payment are on the Invoice).
- Instalment (by arrangement with the Business Manager). Payment plans must be completed by 30 November of each school year.

2026 Fees and Charges

Year	Tuition Fee	Curriculum Fee	Total	Per Term
R - 12	\$6,216	\$1,159	\$7,375	\$1,843.80

Fees are due and payable by the following dates:

Term 1	6 February 2026
Term 2	8 May 2026
Term 3	31 July 2026
Term 4	23 October 2026

If you would like to pay fees annually, please contact the Business Manager to arrange the appropriate invoice at finance@daraschool.sa.edu.au no later than 15 January 2026.

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee is a compulsory fee and is inclusive of a wide range of School based costs. This includes but isn't limited to publications, wages, asset development, copyright, IT resources, maintenance, and grounds.

Curriculum Fee

The curriculum fee is a compulsory fee and includes all costs associated with the direct education and support for the education of the students, excluding wages.

SACE Fee

The SACE Fee is a compulsory fee payable when a student is undertaking a stage 1 or stage 2 SACE subject. The fee is in addition to Tuition and Curriculum Fees.

The SACE Fee for 2026 is \$350 per subject per semester.

Excursions and Camps

Any excursions and camp activities are unpredictable in cost and will be billed as reflective of the service provided.

Vocational, Education & Training (VET) Fees

This is a fee billed to families for students undertaking a VET course as part of their SACE studies and is set by the Registered Training Organisation.

Discounts and Fee Remissions

Sibling Discount

Families with multiple children at the school will receive 10% discount on tuition fees for the **second and subsequent child/ren**.

Fees in Advance

A discount of 5% is applied to the Annual Tuition Fee when the year's fees are paid in full by the second week of Term 1 (for the current school year).

School Card

School Card holders will receive a 30% reduction of the Annual Tuition Fee. School Card holders must be approved prior to the end of Term 3 for the School Card Fee Discount to be applicable.

Information on School card can be found at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>.

Application Forms are available from Reception.

Principal's Equity Scholarship

The Principal's Equity Scholarship is open to all students enrolled at or recently accepted to Dara School. Recipients receive a 50% discount on tuition fees only.

The scholarship is awarded for a period of one (1) academic year. Current recipients need to reapply each year.

Applications for the following year close on 5th November of each School Year.

Bursary

A Bursary is a special discount that is for families whose circumstances suddenly change and experience short-term financial hardship. Applications for a Bursary are available from the Business Manager at finance@daraschool.sa.edu.au.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

A family cannot receive more than one fee remission at any one time. Where this situation arises, the highest proportionate remission will be applied.

Dara Village Association Membership Fee

The Association Fee has been set at \$0. Payment of this fee enables Association members to have a voice at the AGM, nominate for election to the Board and receive other benefits that the Board may determine during the year.

Late Payment

Dara School, like any other independent school, relies on the prompt payment of fees to enable the school to operate.

Fee accounts not paid by the due date, unless other arrangements are in place, will incur a fee of \$25 for every month they are late.

Where the recovery of fees through a collection agency is required, all costs associated with such action will be passed on to the family. Failure to meet your payment obligations may result in your child's enrolment being cancelled.

Liability for Fees

Liability for payment of accounts rests jointly and severally with the person(s) signing the Dara School Enrolment Agreement.

Student Withdrawal

Parents/Guardians are required to give ten (10) weeks written notice to the Principal of their intention to withdraw their child/ren.

Notice for students who intend to withdraw at the end of the school year must give the notice no later than day 1 of term 4.

If the required notice is not provided, the Enrolment Deposit is retained by the School.

Full fees are payable for a term that is commenced.

Donations to the School

Dara School operates two (2) funds that have deductible Gift Recipient status with donations being tax deductible. Both funds play an extremely important role in the operation and future of the school. The funds are:

Building Fund

Donating to this fund is an active step in securing the future of our school for our students. Funds are used for the maintenance, refurbishment, and construction of new facilities to help improve the learning environment of our students. This is only possible with the ongoing support of parents, caregivers, and benefactors. Donations to this fund are entirely voluntary and can be made at any time by contacting the Business Manager.

A suggested donation of \$100 per term is added to your fee invoice as a voluntary, tax-deductible sum. There is no requirement to pay this.

Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund has been created with the long-term aim of being able to fund the Principal's Equity Scholarships offered by Dara School, helping families with gifted students obtain the education that they may not have access to otherwise.

Currently, these scholarships are funded through the operational budget of the school. Donations to this fund can be made at any time by contacting the Business Manager.