



Margaret River Montessori Fee Schedule - 2026

School Fees (per student)						
Tuition Fees	Playgroup (0-3 years)	Primary Tuition Fee (Pre-Kindy - Year 6)			Secondary Tuition Fee (Years 7 - 12)	
	\$190 per term	\$1,660 per term <i>Or \$6,640 per year (4 terms)</i>			\$2,295 per term <i>Or \$9,180 per year (4 terms)</i>	
Annual Fees All Students	Playgroup (0-3 years)	Junior Primary (Pre-Kindy - Pre-Primary)	Middle Primary (Years 1 - 3)	Upper Primary (Years 4-6)	Middle School (Years 7 - 9)	Senior School (Years 10 - 12)
Materials Levy	N/A	\$206	\$206	\$268	\$381	\$381
Camp Fees	N/A	N/A	\$180	\$600	\$650	\$850

PLAYGROUP - Apply for a spot in our Playgroup and once a position is confirmed, an invoice will be issued. Enrolment and payment for each term should happen 2 weeks before the end of the previous term in which you are to commence. Example; Starting playgroup in Term 3, the enrolment and payment should occur 2 weeks before the end of Term 2. (50% discount for sibling aged 1-3 yr. No fees for 2nd sibling under 1 year old)

TUITION FEE - Tuition fee, per child (part-time or full-time). The tuition fees cover a number of expenses including but not limited to: tuition/staffing, some classroom materials, insurance, grounds and maintenance, subscriptions and partnerships to national Montessori peak representative bodies, Big Picture Learning Education Australia, etc. (Sibling discount of 10% for the 2nd sibling and 15% for 3rd and subsequent siblings)

OVERSEAS STUDENTS - If an overseas student is determined to require additional support for ESL (English as a second language) or disability, further fees may apply. Documentation may be required as per our Education Support Policy so that the needs of the student and the School's ability to cater for those needs can be determined. This process will occur collaboratively with the family prior to the child's enrolment being finalised.

Primary - \$4,980 per term Or \$19,920 per year (4 terms). Secondary - \$6,885 per term Or \$27,540 per year (4 terms)

MATERIALS LEVY - This fee covers all stationery items, books and resources and ensures our families are not required to purchase their own from a booklist. The fee also covers technology and devices provided by the school. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is only implemented from Year 10 and above.

CAMP FEES - These fees will be added to your statement of account as they are incurred. The annual camps will have a financial cap to ensure families can plan ahead for this as a known expense.

Enrolment and Admission Fees (per student)	
Application Fee	\$160
Placement Fee	\$300

APPLICATION FEE - The Application Fee is payable with the return of the Application for Enrolment Form and the required documentation. It ensures the applicant is placed on our waitlist. This fee is non-refundable. This fee does not apply to Playgroup. (A 20% sibling discount is applicable for simultaneous applications)

PLACEMENT FEE - Once a student place has been offered a place, a fee is charged to confirm acceptance of the place. This fee is to be paid within 14 days of receipt of the Letter of Offer. This amount is a pre-payment of the student's first term's fees and will automatically be deducted from the first term account. If this fee is not received within 14 days of the Letter of Offer, the school cannot guarantee the place will remain available. This fee is non-refundable. This fee does not apply to Playgroup nor to students transitioning within the school.

Other Charges and Contributions (per family, not per student)	
School and P&F Assoc. Membership	\$2.40 per year
Capital Contribution (one-off fee, non-refundable, tax deductible)	\$1,622
Tuition Bond (one-off fee, refundable if conditions are met)	\$1,500
Community Engagement (previously named Parent Commitment)	\$300 per term <i>Or \$1,200 per year (4 terms) Or it can be covered in time/donations</i>

TRIAL PERIOD - On admission of each child, there is a trial period of four weeks. This allows the child to settle into the School. Parent observations can be made during this process. If, following this period, the School decides, in consultation with the parents, that it is in the child's best interest to be withdrawn, the School will refund the Tuition Fee on a pro-rata basis.

DURING-TERM STARTERS - Tuition Fees are pro-rated for during-term starters. The Tuition Fee and Community Engagement will pro-rated per week and the Materials Levy is pro-rated per term.

SCHOOL AND P&F ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP - Each parent/carer, upon payment of this fee automatically becomes a member of the MRMS Inc Association and the MRMS Parents and Friends (P&F) Association. As a paid-up member you have voting rights at the annual AGM for each association and any member can view the register of members upon request. See Privacy Policy for more information.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - As we value the active involvement of our families in school life, we ask each family to engage with school activities and events for a minimum of 10 hours per term (40 hours per year), including contributing towards classroom or School required tasks/jobs, valued at \$30 per hour. Time can be completed through volunteering, attending school events or meetings, or donating requested items for the same value. However, this is a fee that can be paid in full if time or donations in kind are not able to be provided. A current Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required for regular volunteering – please apply early, as parents without a valid WWCC cannot attend overnight camps. The cost of obtaining the WWCC can be counted towards your Community Engagement value. Further information about what events and activities are counted as Community Engagement hours and how to log them can be obtained from our Administration.

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION - one per family, all families - TAX DEDUCTABLE - Not refundable

The Capital Contribution for families is a once off, flat charge on commencement of the first child entering the School. It is subject to increase as per the percentage increase to tuition fees but the increase is not charged to families who have already paid this one off charge. It is not charged for subsequent siblings commencing at the same time or afterwards. However, should the Capital Contribution be increased at the time of entry of other siblings into the School, the difference between paid amount and the increased Contribution will be levied. The Capital Contribution is a TAX DEDUCTABLE non-refundable contribution that enables parents to make a direct contribution to the on-going refurbishment of buildings and grounds and future development of our school.

For families who have paid an Enrolment Bond (prior to 1st January 2023), the Bond will still be refunded at the end of Year 6 of the last child in the family (as per signed agreement at time of enrolment). At this point in time the family will either receive the refund if the last child in the family attends high school elsewhere, or be able to roll-over the Bond into the non-refundable Capital Contribution if the last child in the family continues on to attend our Adolescent Program. Similarly, if at the time that the last child in the family transitions into the Adolescent Program, the Capital Contribution amount has increased, the difference between the \$1,500 and the increased Contribution will be levied.

TUITION BOND - Refundable if conditions are met

For students enrolled from 1st January 2026, a one-off \$1,500 Tuition Bond is payable upon commencement of the first child entering the School. This bond is not charged for subsequent siblings commencing at the same time or at a later date. However, if the Tuition Bond amount has increased by the time another sibling enrolls, the difference between the original \$1,500 and the current bond amount may be charged.

The Tuition Bond is designed to encourage families to commit to the full educational journey at Margaret River Montessori School and to support long-term enrolment stability. The Bond is refundable if either of the following 2 conditions are met:

- 1) If the family completes their full enrolment journey, the Bond may be applied as a credit toward the final term's fees in the final year of formal education for the youngest sibling in the family.
- 2) The Bond is refunded when a family chooses to withdraw their child or children, and one full term's notice in advance is provided, unless there are remaining children from that same family in the school in which case the Bond continues to be held against their current enrolment.

The Tuition Bond becomes non-refundable if the child or children leave the School before the youngest sibling completes their final year of formal education at Margaret River Montessori School (except during the trial period, as outlined above), and/or if the required one term's notice of withdrawal is not provided.

ADDITIONAL FEES - ACTIVITIES/EXCURSIONS - Extra fees will occasionally be due for excursions, activities, library replacements, etc. These fees will be added to your school account as the expense is incurred.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

The School will issue a Statement of Account at the end of each month to families that have a pending balance. All invoices are due within 28 days of the issue date. This is with exception to Playgroup fees and Application for Enrolment invoices. These accounts are payable within 7 days of date of issue. Also, Placement fees are due within 14 days of the Letter of Offer.

When fees will be sent to parents:

- Term Fees for Terms 2, 3 & 4 are invoiced 'during' the last week for the term prior
- Term 1 Fees are invoiced during the week before Term 1 starts
- Mid-term starts have an invoice created and sent, due in 28 days
- Playgroup and enrolments upon application
- All incidentals (parent commitment, excursions etc.) will appear on the applicable monthly invoice which will also be listed on the monthly statement and is due in 28 days
- Placement fees - upon issue of Letter of Offer
- Capital Contribution charge will be issued separately but at the same time as the first fee invoice. This is because payment is to be made to a separate bank account and a receipt can be issued to the family upon request

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Fees may be paid by:

- 1) Direct deposit as per detail on invoice
- 2) Credit / Debit card at the school office/over the phone
- 3) Cash, or cheque made payable to 'Margaret River Montessori School'
- 4) Pending: It is intended to introduce a BPay option via our new system software in 2026

A re-invoicing/overdue fee of \$50 may be charged when a tuition fee invoice remains unpaid by the time of the next term fees being issued. The matter may be referred to a Debt Collector if the account remains outstanding beyond 3 school terms. Payment plans can be discussed with our Finance and Administration Manager if needed.

ABSENCE DURING TERM AND FEE PAYMENT - The latest Fees Policy requirements must be checked and adhered to before planning any period of extended absence from the school with regard to the fees and/or holding fees and charges that will apply to the length of time a child is absent from the school. Please see Fees Policy.

WITHDRAWAL OF A STUDENT - As per the Fees Policy, one full term's notice is to be given for withdrawal of a student. For example, if you plan to leave at the end of Term 4 the notice needs to be given on or before the last school day of Term 3, based on the term dates for that term. If the required full term's notice is not received, and if there are no children from that family who remain enrolled, the Tuition Bond is held in lieu of notice.

Should a student be withdrawn at any time during a term and/or without one full term's notice and/or following the initial four-week trial period, term fees and charges for that term will also be due and payable. Should term fees and charges have been paid in advance, fees and charges for the term in which the student is withdrawn will not be refunded.

For all students in Year 6, transition to our MRMS Adolescent Program is automatically offered. Notice of intention to attend high school elsewhere, needs to be provided on or before the end of Week 1 of Term 3 of the year the student is in Year 6. Should this notice not be provided, and if there are no children from that family who remain enrolled, the Tuition Bond is held in lieu of notice.

Our Primary School is located at our Margaret River Campus, 4 - 6 Clarke Road. Our Secondary School is located at our Metricup Campus, 62 Harmans Mill Road.