2026 Tuition Fee Payment Information

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2026 Tuition Fee

The Board of Lobethal Lutheran School has approved the following Schedule of Tuition Fees for 2026.

A continuing priority of the Board and School Leadership is ensuring that fees remain affordable for families, while also resourcing high-quality educational opportunities and ongoing development of facilities.

	Years F - 6
Tuition Fee	$4,090

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee is billed in full at the beginning of the year and is due:

1) in full by **22 February 2026**; or
2) in full by **2 February 2026** to receive the early payment discount of 4%; or
3) by regular instalments throughout the year, made via an approved payment plan established in the FACTS payment portal, commencing no later than **2 February 2026**.

In order to keep additional billing for families to a minimum, we have endeavoured to make the tuition fee as inclusive as possible.

The tuition fee includes:

- 24 hour student accident insurance (conditions apply)
- ambulance cover for accident and injury whilst participating in school activities
- most student activities and resources

The tuition fee does not include:

- camps
- stationery requirements and books
- school uniforms
- bus fees

Where an additional charge will result, i.e. year 6 graduation, this will be communicated to parents.

Tuition Fee Accounts

All tuition fee accounts are operated in line with the contractual enrolment form signed by parents / caregivers when they accepted a place at Lobethal Lutheran School. Payment of tuition fee accounts is required by the due date as per these terms and conditions.

Non-payment of fees is a breach of the enrolment contract and can affect the continued enrolment of a student at Lobethal Lutheran School.

Lobethal Lutheran School uses the FACTS parent payment portal to advise tuition fee charges and receive payments. Therefore, all parents / caregivers will require a FACTS account.

For 2026, tuition fees and any additional charges for Lobethal Lutheran School will be issued as follows:

	Account Issued	Payment Due Date
Annual Tuition Fee	by 19 January	1. in full by **23 February 2026;** 2. by **2 February 2026** to receive early payment discount of 4%; or 3. by a regular approved payment plan established through the FACTS payment portal by **2 February 2026** (see below).
Other costs (if required) i.e. camps	Term 1 – by 24 April Term 2 – by 17 July Term 3 – by 9 October Term 4 – by 4 December	1. within 14 days via FACTS (where specified); or 2. added to regular instalments for the remainder of the FACTS payment plan; or 3. other date as advised

Payment of Fees

Parents / caregivers are required to set up a payment plan using the School's payment plan provider, FACTS Management (refer FACTS information in this document).

Payment plans are scheduled over the year, February to December as follows:

Early: payment in full by **2 February** to receive early payment discount of 4%
Annual: payment in full by **23 February**
Per Term: 4 payments no later than **28 February**; **31 May**; **31 August**; and **30 November**
Monthly: 11 payments commencing no later than **2 February**
Fortnightly: 23 payments commencing no later than **2 February**
Weekly: 46 payments commencing no later than **2 February**

Estimate of payment plan amounts based on 2026 tuition fee:

	Annual 4% discount	Per Term 4 payments	Monthly 11 payments	Fortnightly 23 payments	Weekly 46 payments
Years F-6	$3,926	$1,023	$372	$178	$89

If a payment method is not selected or there is not some other agreement made in writing with the School for payment, then as at 23 February 2026, tuition fees for 2026 become immediately due and payable.

If tuition fees fall behind in the scheduled payment plan and there is not another agreement made in writing with the School, then the balance can become immediately due and payable.

The absence of an approved payment plan can affect ongoing enrolment of your child / children at Lobethal Lutheran School. The School will not allow attendance for non-compulsory activities unless an approved payment plan is in place and maintained.

Discounts on Tuition Fees

To assist parents / caregivers in paying fees, the following discounts are offered by Lobethal Lutheran School:

Early Payment Discount

Parents / caregivers who pay the annual tuition fees in full by **2 February 2026** (via FACTS payment portal), will receive a 4% discount.

This option is strongly recommended to receive savings as follows:

	4% Saving on Tuition Fees if Full Year Fees Paid in Advance Year F-6	
First Child	$3,926	$164 saving
Second Child	$2,945	$123 saving
Third Child	$1,963	$82 saving

The early payment discount will apply after Sibling Discount and not in conjunction with any other discount i.e. School Card or Bursary, where the tuition fees are paid in full by **2 February 2026**.

Family / Sibling Discount

Lobethal Lutheran School offers the following family / sibling discount for families with more than one student attending the School in the same school year:

1st child pays 100% of the tuition fee
2nd child receives 25% off the tuition fee
3rd child receives 50% off the tuition fee
4th child receives 100% off the tuition fee

For the definition of a family, the school has adopted the approach that where both enrolling parents / caregivers are the same for each student and all students are billed on one account, these family / sibling discounts will apply.

Family / sibling discounts are available as follows:

	Family / Sibling Discount Years F - 6	
First Child	$4,090	
Second Child	$3,068	$1,022 saving
Third Child	$2,045	$2,045 saving
Fourth Child	$0	$4,090 saving

Family Loyalty Discount – HILS (Hills Integrated Lutheran Schools)

Families who have at least one child at both Cornerstone College and Lobethal Lutheran School, will receive a Family Loyalty Discount.

For the first child, families will receive a total discount of $1,000 comprising of $200 off the eldest child's school fees at Lobethal Lutheran School and $800 off the eldest child's school fees at Cornerstone College. This reduction is on top of the normal sibling discount provided by Lobethal Lutheran School.

Where there is more than one student attending Lobethal Lutheran School, Cornerstone will provide a further $800 discount for each additional student at Lobethal. This discount will be applied to the Cornerstone College family tuition fees account on receipt of the completed application made to Lobethal Lutheran School.

School Card Bursary

A tuition fee discount of $500 is provided for any family that qualifies for the Department for Education (DfE) School Card scheme. It is granted to families according to guidelines set by DfE and must be applied for annually using their online application form. Guidelines for eligibility and forms are located at:

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

Please note that 2026 application forms may not be available online until December 2025 or January 2026.

By parents submitting an application, the School is automatically advised when eligibility is confirmed.

Families Experiencing Financial Hardship

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact our Business Manager to have a confidential discussion concerning your personal situation. We have a structured process in place whereby families can provide evidence of financial hardship to access an appropriate level of financial support.

Separated Families / Splitting of Fee Accounts

Family tuition fee accounts will be billed as per the signed enrolment form. Where this represents a separated family, the School expects the enrolling parents / caregivers to work out payment arrangements between themselves, ensuring all fees are paid. Any such arrangement will have no bearing on the joint and / or separate liability that exists via the enrolment documentation.

Parents / caregivers will have the opportunity to split their payment schedules and instigate separate payment plans with FACTS. This can only be actioned prior to the commencement of the school year and will require both enrolling parties to agree and set up individual authorities within FACTS. The splitting of fees should not be an assumption that each party is only required to pay 50% of total fees. There is a need to ensure that the full fees billed are paid and the amount each party is agreeing to pay is affordable for them.

If all enrolling parties are in agreement to establish separate payment platforms on FACTS, please contact the Finance Office on 8398 6070 or 8393 6644 to discuss. We will explain our process and then email each party with a form to complete. Separate payment platforms on FACTS cannot be established without the permission of each enrolling party.

Withdrawal of a Student

A full term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the withdrawal of a student.

Failure to give such notice will involve the payment of a withdrawal fee that is up to a limit of one term's fees in accordance with the enrolment agreement, irrespective of the date the student may leave during the term.

Should a student be required to leave the School for any reason, the fee for the relative period of enrolment will be charged based on the number of weeks of attendance prior to officially leaving the school.

Payment of Fees While Absent from the School

Lobethal Lutheran School requires at least one term's notice if you are withdrawing your child / children for a long period during the school year. Any reduction in fees payable during this period will need to be discussed with the Principal. This is only negotiable for a period greater than one term in length. The School reserves the right to charge a nominal fee to hold the enrolment place during this period of absence.

Parents / caregivers not advising the School of a long period of absence are expected to pay full fees to maintain enrolment at Lobethal Lutheran School during this period.

Debt Collection

Lobethal Lutheran School is committed to working with every family to support the education of their children. We understand that families have different financial circumstances and we may need to work with them to negotiate fee payments which are fair and equitable to all parties (the School and the family). The effectiveness of our approach depends on the mutual ongoing commitment and regular communication for any changes in circumstances.

When a family is unresponsive to the reasonable efforts from the School to collect fees and charges owing, it may refer the account to a debt collection service. All associated costs will be borne by the family as per the terms and conditions of the enrolment agreement. When there is a change in circumstance of a relationship status, parties who are signatories will still be liable jointly and / or severally for their tuition fee account.

Other Costs and Incidental Charges

Payments / caregivers are responsible for the payment of other costs from time to time. Payment of other costs and incidental charges will be advised by the School as 1) being due within 14 days; 2) spread across the remaining FACTS payment plan; or 3) by the date provided by the School.

Within FACTS, payments for incidental charges are deducted separately from the nominated bank account, credit card or debit card on the date they are due.

Stationery and Book Requirements

The stationery supplies required by students for each year level are supplied through Campion at an additional cost.

Camps

Participation in most activities is a compulsory component of the school's curriculum program. As these activities are considered core to the teaching and learning process, all planning and costings for these is done with the expectation that all students will attend.

FACTS

FACTS is the School's provider for the payment of tuition fees and charges.

Families who have Auto Pay plans in 2025 do not need to create a new Auto Pay plan for 2026. The Auto Pay plan continues on the same schedule although the payment plan amount will be adjusted according to the new tuition fee amount. The payment frequency can be adjusted and this will vary the instalment amount. To amend your current Auto Pay frequency, please contact FACTS on 1300 322 871, select #1, or phone the Finance Office on 8398 6070 or 8393 6644 by 2 February 2026.

Families on **Invoice Only** and **all new families to the School in 2026** will need to login and register in FACTS to then be able to set up your 2026 payment plan. We ask that you do this by **19 January 2026**. You will receive an email invitation containing the website link and your unique online code in mid-January.

Families can arrange now to make tuition fee payments in advance in FACTS using the Prepay Accounts tile. This option is available for the early commencement of payments towards 2026 tuition fees.

Should you need assistance in doing this, please contact the Finance Office on 8398 6070 or 8393 6644. You can also contact the experienced and friendly FACTS Customer Service Team on 1300 322 871. They will be available Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm (AEST/ADST).

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