



Creativity

Duality

Empowerment

Hope

Sustainability

## **FEE POLICY Version 1.0**

### **Vision**

To redesign schooling to be genuinely equitable, culturally informed and authentically child-centred.

### **Mission**

Ngutu College is a model for the seamless integration of Aboriginal knowledges and formal curriculum in experiential learning environments. Ngutu College is a socially-just, non-denominational, independent redesign of schooling. We provide a holistic, child-centred and experiential educational environment. Learning programs will acknowledge and engage the individuality of all children. A diversity of opportunities for K-12 children and young people creates multiple options and strengthened pathways for achieving academic, vocational and community outcomes. Ngutu College achieves this in collaboration with Kurna Elders and community leaders.

### **Policy Statement**

Ngutu College is committed to providing an accessible, independent education option for all families who believe in our vision, mission and values. As such, fees are minimised and a significant number of scholarships (part and whole) or fee remissions are awarded each year.

### **Fees**

Fees are set by the College Board and reviewed annually. The annual fee review includes, but is not limited to, CPI adjustment as per 30 June of the prior year. The Board reserves the right to review the method of fee setting as resolved at a Board Meeting.

The fees for 2022 are set at \$2000 for Preschool (and mid-year intakes) and \$4000 for Reception onwards. There is no GST applicable.

We work with Caregivers who are experiencing financial hardship or difficulties to find a mutually beneficial payment plan.

Re-enrolments are invoiced in the beginning of the Term One of the College year.

Fees are required to be paid in full within 14 days from receipt of invoice unless a payment plan has been approved by the Finance and Operations Manager.

### **Acceptance of Enrolment Offer Fee**

Accepting an enrolment offer is a commitment by the Caregiver for their child or young person to attend Ngutu College in the year relevant to the offer.

This commitment is made through signing a 'Confirmation of Enrolment' form and paying a non-refundable 'Confirmation of Enrolment Fee' of \$200 (to be deducted from Term One fees for fee-paying enrolments).

## Scholarship Eligibility

To qualify for a scholarship a child must be a new enrolment, an Australian Citizen and either:

- meet the criteria to be identified by the Commonwealth as being in 'Quartile 1' or 'Quartile 2' in terms of socio-economic status (100% scholarship) or;
- be able to demonstrate financial hardship.

## Conditional Scholarships

All scholarships offered by the College are activated by a Caregiver submitting a signed 'Acceptance of Scholarship' form. A key aspect of this form is the acknowledgement that the scholarship is null and void if a child transfers to another school in the first year of offer of the scholarship. If a scholarship is deemed to be null and void, the College reserves the right to charge the full annual enrolment fee.

Scholarships are conditional on the recipient actively participating in the College and upholding the values of the College to the best of their ability.

## Fee Remission Eligibility

To qualify for fee remission, a child must be:

- an existing enrolment;
- a sibling of an existing enrolment (25% remission);
- a staff member's child (25% remission)

Eligibility for a scholarship and/or fee remission will be reviewed annually in line with the criteria outlined in this Policy.

## Debt Recovery

All fees are legally recoverable debts as identified on the fee invoice. This applies to all invoiced fees and includes fees relating to a scholarship becoming null and void (as identified under the sub-heading 'Conditional Scholarships').

### Version Control and Modification History Table

Date	Version	Updates	Approved by	Signed	Approval Date
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