



2026 FEES SCHEDULE

Kindy Programs Fees (per child)

Cairns Hinterland Steiner School is part of the Queensland Government's 'Free Kindy' program for children turning 4 years of age **before** 30 June 2026, which provides eligible families the first 600 hours of Kindergarten at no cost.

The fees shown below are payable for the hours in excess of 600 hours, and after the Government's subsidy has been applied.

	Per Annum	Per Term
'Free Kindy' – 3 Days per week	\$ 600	\$ 150.00
'Free Kindy' – 4 days per week	\$1,660	\$ 415.00
Full Kindy Fees <i>Applies to children who turn 4 years of age after 30 June 2026</i>	\$5,949	\$1,487.25

Prep to Year 8 Annual Fees (per student)

Class	Tuition Fees	Materials Fees	Camps, Excursions & Swimming	Total
Prep	\$5,311	\$683	NIL	\$5,994
Class 1	\$5,311	\$683	\$ 300	\$6,294
Class 2	\$5,311	\$683	\$ 462	\$6,456
Class 3	\$5,311	\$683	\$ 895	\$6,889
Class 4	\$5,311	\$683	\$ 632	\$6,626
Class 5	\$5,311	\$683	\$1,601	\$7,595
Class 6	\$5,311	\$683	\$ 659	\$6,653
Class 7	\$5,991	\$683	\$1,452	\$8,126
Class 8	\$5,991	\$683	\$2,704	\$9,378

- Fees and charges for all compulsory camps & excursions are included in the annual fees
- The Capital Levy Fund is **not** included in the above fees – it will be charged separately
- Extra charges apply to optional activities and/or services, such as bus transport to and from school, extra-curricular music lessons, Before School Club, and After School Club.

Materials Levy (per student) Prep to Class 8 only (Included in the Annual Fees)

Includes all books, a hat (on enrolment only), crayons and crayon bag, chair bag, Lyras, pencils, pens, compasses, protractors, and other school stationery, as well as handcraft, art, gardening, cooking and music materials, including a recorder. These supplies are distributed to students each school year (as appropriate) and during the school year, as needed.

Steiner schools are rich sensory environments with extensive investment into this aspect of curriculum and program delivery.

Capital Levy Fund – charged annually **per family** (Kindy to Class 8) **\$572**
This levy is an annual fee where families contribute to the capital development works of our school for current and future.

Application and Enrolment Fees – ‘once-only’ at the time of initial application/enrolment

Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 60
Enrolment Confirmation Fee	\$300

Enrolment Application Fee
 \$60 upon lodgement of your online enrolment application.

Enrolment Confirmation Fee
 Upon completion of the Enrolment process, and when your child is offered a place at the school, the confirmation fee is payable within 14 days of receiving your Letter of Offer. Your first child’s confirmation fee is \$300 and for any subsequent children the fee is \$200 per child.

Sibling Discounts

Enrolment Confirmation Fee	2 nd and subsequent child	Discount of \$100
Tuition Fees <i>(does not apply to Materials Fees, or Camps, Excursions & Swimming Charges)</i>	2 nd child 3 rd child 4 th child	Discount of 10% Discount of 20% Discount of 30%

Early Bird Discount

A 5% discount is applied to Tuition Fees **only** when the total school fees, charges and levies are paid in full by the end of Week 3 of Term 1.

*(Please note that the discount applies to Tuition Fees **only**, and does not apply to Materials Fees, Camps, Excursions & Swimming Charges, or the Capital Levy)*

Charges for Extra-Curricular Activities

Additional charges apply to optional activities and services out of school hours. These include:

Bus transport to and from school

CHSS arranges two buses to assist students with transport to and from school. One bus departs Mareeba at 7.45am, and travels via Koah, Speewah, and Kuranda en route to the school; the other bus departs Edge Hill at 7.30am and travels via Tjapukai, and Smithfield en route to the school. Both buses depart the school at 3.00pm for the return journeys.

Music Lessons

Private and group lessons are available after school for string instruments (violin, viola, and cello), guitar, and piano.

Before & After School Club

The before & after school clubs offer activities under adult supervision from 7.30am to 8.30am Monday to Friday, and from 3.00pm to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday.

Bookings are essential for the above extra-curricular activities and services – please contact Reception for further details and charges.

Payment of Fees

Edstart

The school has partnered with Edstart to provide families with flexibility in paying their school fees and charges by instalments whether annually, termly, monthly, fortnightly or weekly. The Edstart Plus portal allows families to be able to monitor their school fees account and adjust their payment frequency and amounts as often as needed.

Setup your Edstart Plus account by visiting the dedicated website for our school: www.edstart.com.au/chss. Once you have submitted your details, the Edstart team will be in contact to finalise the setup of your account.

When are school fees due?

At the beginning of the year the school will invoice families for the year's tuition fees, camps, excursions & swimming charges, materials fees, and Capital Works Levy. With your Edstart Plus account you can then determine your payment frequency and amount.

Each semester the school will invoice any Additional Charges (see above) like bus charges or music lessons. These extra invoices will be sent to you as well as Edstart (provided that you have an Edstart account), and your payment amount will be adjusted for the additional costs. If there is a significant change to your payment amount due to these Additional Charges, Edstart will contact you.

Can I pay by cash or directly to the school?

Families wishing to pay cash, or pay directly to the school, can do so when taking advantage of the Early Bird Discount and paying upfront by the end of Week 3 of Term 1 - Friday 14 February 2026. *Payment in full must be received by the above date, otherwise the discount will not be applied to your account.*

Leaving the School

Withdrawal of enrolment

A full term's notice in writing is required for any change to your child's enrolment. Failure to provide a term's notice will result in families being billed for one term's fees in lieu of notice. Special consideration may be given in some circumstances, but this must be requested in writing.