2027 TUITION FEE SCHEDULE AND TERMS OF BUSINESS

The Essington School fees comprise of three components:

1. **Enrolment and Entrance Fees**
2. **Annual Tuition Fees**
3. **Other Charges Enrolment and Entrance Fees**

A non-refundable, non-transferable **Application Fee** of **$58** (inclusive of GST) per student is payable when an **application to Register for Enrolment** is completed and lodged with the school.

A non-refundable, non-transferable **Enrolment Fee** of **$115** per student is payable on acceptance of an offer of enrolment into the school. This fee covers the administrative costs of the admissions process. The fee is not offset against tuition fees.

Annual Tuition Fees
These fees are for students that are Australian Citizens or students with permanent residence status.

The schedule does not apply to full fee-paying overseas students.
Tuition fees for all years from Transition to Year 12 are charged in 10 equal instalments from February to November.

Tuition fees for the Kinder, Preschool and Pre-Transition programs are charged in five equal instalments over the semester in which the class is attended (either February to June or July to November).

Charges other than for tuition (additional charges) will be charged to family accounts as they are incurred.

Invoices inclusive of the monthly tuition instalment payment and any additional charges are issued on the first business day of each month commencing on 1 February 2027 up to and including 1 November 2027.

Fees are required to be paid by automatic direct debit from a nominated bank or credit card account. Your completed Direct Debit Authority form is required at the time of your acceptance of an enrolment position offered.

Payment of the monthly invoice is due on the 22nd day of each month from 22 February 2027 up to and including 22 November 2027. Where the 22nd of the month is a non-banking day, payment will be deducted on the last business banking day immediately prior to the 22nd day of the month.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) – currently 10% - may apply to some fees and charges payable to the school. If the rate of GST is changed or if, for any reason, GST becomes payable in respect of any fees and charges payable to the school, the school may change any fee or charge. Charges incurring GST are indicated with an Asterix*.

2027 Fee Schedule

Year	Annual Tuition	Monthly Instalment	Per Semester *
Kinder	$2,356.00*	$235.60	$1,178.00
Preschool	$11,660.00*	$1,166.00	$5,830.00
Pre-Transition	$13,896.00*	$1,389.60	$6,948.00
Transition to Year 6	$15,759.00	$1,575.90	$7,879.50
Year 7 to Year 9	$16,390.00	$1,639.00	$8,195.00
Year 10 to Year 12	$17,478.00	$1,747.80	$8,739.00

*The Kinder, Preschool and Pre-Transition programs are conducted on a per-semester basis. The annualised instalment amounts are only charged in the 5-months that the student is in the program (either from February to June or July to November).

Application Fee
$58 (inclusive of GST) to accompany the Application Form (for each student).

Confirmation of Enrolment Fee
$115 for each student payable upon acceptance of enrolment by the school. See the enrolment terms and conditions of enrolment for details.

Tuition Fees
See the Tuition Fee Scale in this notice.

Company Membership
In accordance with the Constitution of the School, at least one parent of a student must maintain a membership of The Essington School Darwin Limited. Membership is $100 (inclusive of GST).

This compulsory fee will appear on the first statement of the new school year, issued on the first business day of February. Payment must be made by the due date specified on the statement to prevent the Company Membership from lapsing.

Student enrolment is conditional on maintaining Company membership.

Sibling Remissions
Because of the heavy financial burden on families with several children, the school grants a fee concession of
25% of the applicable Tuition Fee to the second and subsequent sibling(s).

Concessions are calculated based on the number of siblings of the one family attending Essington at the same time and where the fees are being paid by the same fee-payer.

Sibling concessions do not apply to a child holding a Scholarship or any other form of remission but usually do apply to his or her brothers and sisters.

Failure to pay amounts by the due date
An administrative charge is payable on any amount due and payable, but which is not paid within 30 days after its due date. The default charge is calculated at a rate of 5% per month on the balance owing, or $100, whichever is the greater amount, from the due date until the balance owing is paid in full.

Bank dishonour charges
Where payment to the school is dishonoured, a fee of $25 will be incurred for each occasion.

Notice of Withdrawal from Enrolment
The school requires one full term's notice in writing of an intention to withdraw a child from enrolment. Notice must be acknowledged by the school in writing to be effective.

This requirement applies to every term. Written notice must be received and acknowledged no later than the day before the commencement of the child's final term of enrolment. For example, if a child will not return in Term 3, notice must be received and acknowledged by the day before Term 2 commences.

Where the required notice is not provided, the school will charge one quarter of the annual Tuition Fee, equivalent to one term's fees, to cover the costs of filling a last-minute vacancy.

Educational Resource Levy

Annual Educational Resource Levy	2027 Amount
Transition to Year 2 - Handwriting & explicit math books, all incursion/excursions	$180
Years 3 to 6 - Handwriting & explicit math books, all incursion/excursions	$250
Years 7 to 9 - Textbooks, all incursions/excursions	$200
Year 10 - Textbooks, all incursion/excursions	$300
Years 11 to 12 - Textbooks, all incursion/excursions	$450

Other Charges
Indicative examples of other charges include but are not limited to:

Description	2027 Fee Schedule
School-Managed Laptop Program	$720
Specialist Elective Levies (per subject)	Variable
Individual Music Lessons (Refer to separate terms) ^	$50 per 30-minute lesson^
Year 4 Camp	$210 (estimate)
Year 5 Camp	$250 (estimate)
Year 6 Canberra Excursion	$1,250 (estimate)
Year 7 Camp	$750 (estimate)
Year 8 Camp	$800 (estimate)
Year 9 Camp	$800 (estimate)
Year 12 Camp	$150 (estimate)
VET / TAFE Courses	As charged by TAFE

*** Camp Charges and Installments**
Final Camp fees and installments will be confirmed in Term 1, 2027. Camps more than $500 will be spread over 3-4 months.
^ Individual Music lessons
Individual music lessons are invoiced by the tutor directly to the participant(s).

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)* (Refer to separate Terms and Conditions of enrolment)	2027
OSHC	$42
OSHC for Pre-Transition students	$71
Vacation Care	$95
Long Day Care (During School Term)	$82
Long Day Care (Outside of School Term)	$118

YOU MUST ALSO READ THE ENROLMENT TERMS & CONDITIONS VALID FROM JUNE 2020.