

# Rivermount College



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The landscape of education in Australia is continually changing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the College Board has continued to monitor the situation with a strong focus on supporting members of our community during these challenging times.

To assist families, the College Board recently approved the removal of all year level levies for Term 2 which represented a reduction in total fees payable of approximately 10% for families. In addition, given the transition to the remote learning module, all subject levies for Secondary students were also removed for the Term. These decisions were made at a time of great uncertainty with respect to whether our students would be allowed to return to normal classroom teaching on campus, be it early in the term, during the term or at a later stage.

The College now has more clarity as to the structure of learning for Term 2 with the Queensland State Government recently directing students to 'stay at home and learn at home' for the first 5 weeks of this 9 week term. We are aware that this directive is subject to circumstances beyond the control of the College however there is speculation there will be no further extension of remote learning after this period. Our current situation, that has seen the campus remain open for the supervision of students of essential workers, has been received positively by the community and we will continue to provide this option to families.

It has become apparent during these unprecedented times, that members of our community have positively risen to the challenge. The College recognises the tremendous work of our staff to establish and facilitate the online and remote learning program, which from all reports is proceeding well and delivering the best possible learning outcomes in the current circumstances. We also recognise and are truly appreciative of the efforts and commitment of parents and caregivers who have contributed to the success of the program. This is particularly the case for families with students in the lower levels of the Primary School where supervision is required on a near full time basis.

In recognition of the above, the College Board of Directors has approved a further discount on fees and charges for Term 2. The discounts are provided in the table below, however the key components regarding the discount are as follows:

- The Term 2 discount will apply to the Tuition charge for the term, prior to any additional reductions such as sibling discounts
- The discount is graded to reflect and recognise the levels of home supervision that is required by parents and caregivers
- The discount will be processed by the end of this week and revised statements will then be available on the Parent Lounge portal.
- Families that have already made payment for the term will receive a credit on their account

Year Level	Total Cost for Term 2 - Tuition plus Year Level Levy	Removal of Year Level Levy	Tuition Fee Discount %	Tuition Fee Discount \$	Revised Cost for Term 2	Overall COVID-19 Discount
Prep	\$1,652.50	\$130.00	20%	\$304.50	\$1,218.00	26%
Years 1-3	\$1,677.50	\$155.00	17.5%	\$266.44	\$1,256.06	25%
Year 4	\$1,697.50	\$175.00	16%	\$243.60	\$1,278.90	25%
Years 5-6	\$1,697.50	\$175.00	15%	\$228.38	\$1,294.13	24%
Year 7	\$2,025.00	\$185.00	15%	\$276.00	\$1,564.00	23%
Year 8-10	\$2,025.00	\$185.00	10%	\$184.00	\$1,656.00	18% *
Years 11-12	\$2,075.00	\$185.00	10%	\$189.00	\$1,701.00	18% *

\*Subject levies (Year 8 to 12) for Term 2 have not been charged to families. This represents an additional saving for the term.

Once again, I would like to reassure families that the College remains committed to helping families that have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. If financial circumstances as a result of the pandemic, have created hardship, then we encourage you to contact the College to discuss individual arrangements.

On behalf of our community I wish all families the very best during this time and look forward to the return of our students to the campus and the full academic and co-curricular program once again in full momentum.

Yours sincerely



**Richard Young**  
Principal