

CATHOLIC AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BINDOON

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR YEAR 2008

The following scale of fees comes into effect from Term 1 2008. Fees are reviewed each year.

PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNTS

<i>Tuition/boarding fees paid in advance or at the start of the year</i>	4% discount
<i>Tuition/boarding fees paid in advance or at the start of each Account Billing</i>	2% discount

MEANS OF PAYMENT

1. Cash, Cheque or money order
2. Internet- "Pay Anyone" BSB: 633-000 Account No. 117424721 – Christian Brothers School Account
3. Direct Debit (Forms available, apply to the School Office)
4. BPAY (See Fee Statements)
5. Credit Cards (Visa, Bankcard, Mastercard, American Express)
6. Centrepay deductions (Forms available, apply at the School Office)

FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

	Years 8 to 10	Years 11 & 12
Annual Boarding fees: includes accommodation, meals and pastoral care	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500
Annual Tuition fees:	\$ 2,694	\$ 2,874
Annual Bookhire/Internet/Consumables:	\$ 234	\$ 300
TOTAL:	\$14,428	\$14,674

FEES FOR DAY STUDENTS

	Years 8 to 10	Years 11 & 12
Annual Tuition fees:	\$ 2,694	\$ 2,874
Annual Bookhire/Internet/Consumables:	\$ 234	\$ 300
Meals: this annual fee is for food and drink provided at lunch and morning & afternoon tea	\$ 1,000 (\$5.00/day)	\$ 1,000 (\$5.00/day)
Bus transport: an annual fee for daily transport to/from Bindoon & connecting services. <small>(Due to increased running costs, these prices are subject to change without warning. Parents are encouraged to apply for a conveyance allowance through the school office)</small>	\$ 450 (\$2.25/day)	\$ 450 (\$2.25/day)
TOTAL:	\$4,378	\$4,624

These are annual fees and are billed three times a year. A term's notice of the withdrawal of a student is required or a term's fees will be charged. Subject to the term's notice, fees will be refunded where the student withdraws from school. Enrolment is confirmed when the \$250 Confirmation of Acceptance Fee is received. This non-refundable fee is credited towards the next term's charges.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES AND CHARGES		COST PER STUDENT
Capital Development Fund	This levy assists the College to maintain its buildings and to expand facilities for current students.	\$200 p.a. (per family)
P&F Levy	The P&F Association assists the College to provide more comfortable surrounds for the students. Past projects have included shade and seating, paths and lighting and a school bus.	\$50 p.a. (per family)
Uniform	Various uniforms are worn depending on the activity. A separate information sheet outlines uniform requirements and costs.	\$400-\$500 initially
Excursions & optional activities	Separate charges as applicable will be made to the student's account for excursions, equine centre and/or cattle club and other optional activities eg: after school art classes or visiting productions.	Various charges apply
Medication & Medical Supplies	General medication (Panadol, cough mixture) and medical supplies (bandaids, bandages) are supplied free of charge. Prescriptions purchased by students are the responsibility of parents.	Various charges apply
Pocket Money	The College recommends approximately \$10 per week per student. A pocket money account system exists for each student.	\$10 per week
Damages	The College bills parents for any damage caused by carelessness or vandalism.	Various charges apply
College transport services	Students transported to/from Perth are charged \$25.00 each way. Transport between the College and Bindoon costs \$5.00 (ie Doctor). <small>(Due to increased running costs, these prices are subject to change without warning.)</small>	\$50.00 (return) \$5.00 (return)

FAMILY DISCOUNTS

These apply for tuition fees only where the first child is still enrolled at CAC Bindoon. Recipients of fee concessions or scholarships are ineligible for family discounts. Second child: 15% discount Third child: 20% discount Fourth child: Free

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Boarding fees can be substantially reduced for families eligible for assistance through a number of State and Commonwealth Government schemes. An outline of these schemes follows, based on information available at the time of publication. Parents should contact the relevant agencies listed to confirm the information provided.

ASSISTANCE FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN SCHEME (AIC)

The AIC Boarding Allowance provided by the Commonwealth Government is made up of two components: a basic allowance (not income tested) of \$6,530 per year and an Additional Boarding Allowance (subject to parental income and actual boarding costs) of up to \$2,164. AIC assists students who do not have reasonable daily access to a suitable school, mainly due to geographic isolation but also for children with special needs. AIC is administered by Centrelink. For further information contact Centrelink on the AIC Direct Line 13 23 18 or visit the Centrelink website on <http://www.centrelink.gov.au>.

YOUTH ALLOWANCE (YA)

Depending on parental income and family assets, a student may receive a higher level of Commonwealth assistance if he or she is eligible for Youth Allowance. Eligibility to receive YA at the Away-from-Home rate is mainly based on geographic isolation of the parental home. A student in receipt of YA at the Away Rate is ineligible to receive the Agricultural College BAFHA Special Subsidy. For further information contact Centrelink on the YA Direct Line 13 24 90 or visit the YA website on <http://www.youthallowance.centrelink.gov.au>. Recipients of Youth Allowance are encouraged to take advantage of a Centrepay option to redirect the allowance to meet College fees. Forms are available from the Bursar.

ABSTUDY

Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders can apply for ABSTUDY, which assists eligible students with boarding, travel and tuition costs. ABSTUDY is administered by Centrelink, is means tested, and is paid directly to the College. For further information contact Centrelink on the ABSTUDY Direct Line 13 23 17 or visit the Centrelink website on <http://www.centrelink.gov.au>.

STUDENT BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE [BAFHA] (Department of Education & Training)

AIC recipients are eligible for the State Boarding Away from Home Allowance of \$1,215 per year (2008). ABSTUDY recipients are not eligible. BAFHA is not subject to any assets or income tests and is administered by the Department of Education & Training. For further information contact the Department on telephone: (08) 9264 4516.

HEALTH CARE CARD TUITION FEE DISCOUNT SCHEME

Families holding a valid means-tested Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, current in the first term of the year as well as single parents holding a PCC card with "Parenting Payment Single" payment – code PPS on the card. You can apply for a discounted Tuition Fee of \$960.00 per year for students in Years 8-12. This discounted fee does not cover book hire, levies, excursions, etc. If a valid means-tested Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card is received during the school year, but after Term 1, a pro-rata basis can be discussed with the Principal. Application forms are available from the front office

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE \$1,000 SPECIAL SUBSIDY (Department of Education & Training)

Students NOT receiving AIC, ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance at the **Away Rate** may claim the Agricultural College \$1,000 Boarding Away from Home Allowance. Students receiving ABSTUDY may be able to claim the allowance via a means tested application. The Department of Education & Training administers this subsidy and application forms are forwarded directly to parents via the College, usually in Term 3.

TRANSPORT ALLOWANCES

Transport WA (Department for Planning & Infrastructure) currently provides assistance to students residing in remote areas under the Student Subsidised Travel Scheme. Eligible students are entitled to four return trips per year. Also, a Road Travel Subsidy may be payable for students who need to travel more than 56km to school. For day students, a Conveyance Allowance is available to help meet the cost of transporting eligible students to and from school in a private vehicle. Please contact the Department on telephone: (08) 9216 8000, fax (08) 9216 8001, www.dpi.wa.gov.au/student_transport. ABSTUDY students may be eligible for a Fares Allowance, which entitles a student to four return trips per year. Contact Centrelink: 13 23 17, fax (08) 9464 2622.

EXAMPLES

2008 BOARDING FEES - COST TO PARENTS	Per year	Per school week
CAC Bindoon boarding fee	\$11,500	\$288.00
If receiving Agricultural College special subsidy only (\$1,000)	\$10,500	\$263.00
If receiving basic AIC and BAFHA (\$6,5306 + \$1,215)	\$3,755	\$ 94.00
If receiving maximum AIC & BAFHA (\$8,694 + \$1,215)	\$1,591	\$ 40.00