



15 December 2025

### Trinity Schools 2026 charges

Dear Parents and Whānau,

As we look ahead to 2026, we want to thank you for the ongoing support you show our schools. We know many families are feeling financial pressure now, and we want to acknowledge that sincerely. Every decision around next year's charges has been made with care and with a genuine awareness of the challenges many households are facing.

We have been careful to keep any increase as low as possible. For 2026, the school charges will increase on the Donations portion only by 5%, reflecting unavoidable rises in staffing, utilities, maintenance, and essential services. We recognise that this is another pressure for families, and we are committed to continuing to manage costs responsibly on your behalf.

Our school charges have two parts:

#### Attendance Dues

These are the compulsory charges set by the Ministry of Education that pay for maintaining, insuring, and servicing the school buildings covered by our Integration Agreements. Because they are compulsory, they are not eligible for tax credits.

#### School Donations

Donations play a vital role in enabling the quality of education and special character that our schools are known for. Under Inland Revenue rules, voluntary donations are eligible for a 33.33% tax credit, which can be claimed via myIR or the IR526 form.

#### Why Donations Matter So Much

Donations directly support the elements that make Trinity Schools distinctive and sought after, including:

- **Small class sizes**, allowing more personalised teaching and learning
- **Teacher aide support**, making a real difference to student learning in classrooms
- **Pastoral care and wellbeing programmes**, which sit at the heart of our Special Character
- **Sport, arts, culture**, and wider extra-curricular opportunities
- **Facilities and programmes not funded by the government**, such as sports facilities and specialist learning spaces
- **Maintenance and development of our unique campuses** as these are not funded by the government.

These are core to who we are and they help ensure each student is known, supported, and given opportunities to thrive.

### **Payment Options for 2026**

To support families in managing school charges in a way that suits them, we offer:

- **Early-payment discount**  
A 2% discount when the full annual charges are paid by 20 February 2026.
- **Monthly direct debit**  
A straightforward way to spread payments across the year, helping to even out household budgeting.
- **Alternative payment** plans can be considered by application.

### **Thank You**

Thank you for partnering with us to uphold the Special Character and excellence of our schools. Your support in all its forms strengthens the opportunities we provide for every learner. We remain deeply grateful for your trust, generosity, and commitment to our St. Matthew's and Trinity community.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your circumstances confidentially, please reach out. We are here to support you.

Warm regards,



Cath Archer  
Chief Executive Officer  
Trinity Schools Trust Board



Ian Smith  
Presiding Member  
St Matthews Collegiate Board



## ST MATTHEWS COLLEGIATE 2026 SCHOOL CHARGES

It is important to note:

- School charges are to be by direct debit (form attached) and a statement will be sent monthly - over ten months from January to October 2026 with November and December statements being disbursements only.
- Other payment methods are by arrangement with the finance team [accounts@trinityschools.nz](mailto:accounts@trinityschools.nz)
- Tax Credit - Donations paid entitle many account payers to a 33.33% tax credit. All account payers will receive an annual donation receipt for these payments.
- Disbursements - these charges are applied where choices are made relevant to certain courses, specific purchases, sports fees etc. The school endeavors to advise parents of these costs in advance and are conscious these are at a minimum cost. There are only certain items that can be passed on through disbursements, e.g. uniforms cannot be disbursed. These are issued by invoice or direct debited monthly.

### St Matthews Collegiate School Charges 2026

Day Girls	Boarding Fees Monthly	Attendance Dues Monthly	Special Character Donation*	Monthly Total	Annual Total	Annual Total After Tax Credit
Year 7-11		\$212.75	\$782.00	\$994.75	\$9,947.50	\$7,341.00
Yr 12 & 13		\$212.75	\$832.00	\$1,044.75	\$10,447.50	\$7,674.00
<b>Weekly Boarders (5 days)</b>						
Yr 7-11	\$1,770.00	\$212.75	\$782.00	\$2,764.75	\$27,647.50	\$25,041.00
Yr 12 & 13	\$1,770.00	\$212.75	\$832.00	\$2,814.75	\$28,147.50	\$25,374.00
<b>Full Boarders (7days)</b>						
Yr 7-11	\$1,920.00	\$212.75	\$782.00	\$2,914.75	\$29,147.50	\$26,541.00
Yr 12 & 13	\$1,920.00	\$212.75	\$832.00	\$2,964.75	\$29,647.50	\$26,874.00

### Part-time Boarders\*

	2 Nights	Annual 2 Nights
Permanent Part-Time	\$218.00	\$8,284.00
Casual Rate	\$122.00	

\*Part-time boarding is at Principals discretion only, subject to availability in the boarding house. These amounts do not include lunches, Attendance Dues, or Donations which are added to the amounts shown.

**Boarding Fees and Meal Provision** - Boarding fees cover the cost of all meals provided to students residing in the boarding house. This includes breakfast, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea. The calculation of these fees is based on an annual schedule, taking into consideration the attendance patterns of senior students. It is recognised that senior students are frequently absent during exam periods towards the end of the year, and this is factored into the overall fee structure (these include ancillary services e.g. laundry, and transport within the Wairarapa).

**Special Character Donation** consists of three key parts:

**Tuition** - these allow the School Board to operate the school in accordance with the goals and objectives of a high quality education. These are required for the provision of wider educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities. They provide the ability to keep class sizes small, sought by our community as a feature of the school, which Government funding does not provide for

**Tuition Facilities** - these support the Trinity Schools Trust Board in keeping facilities at a high quality and supporting cultural and sporting opportunities.

**Service & Activities** - This includes the covering of costs incurred by the school including transport for cultural, sporting and recreational trips within the Wairarapa and Chapel Resources.

## Other Charges

### School Lunches

We are currently negotiating the price for the school lunches and will advise prior to the start of Term 1 in 2026.

### Disbursements

Expenses incurred on behalf of students, including cost allocations for consumable items, sporting, cultural, and approved personal purchases, will be charged in the month they occur.

### Fee Protection Scheme

The Trinity Schools Trust Board operates a Fees Protection Scheme for parents. This optional scheme is funded by a levy of 1.3% applied to the Special Character Donations, Attendance Dues and Boarding Fees. The terms and conditions of the scheme will be forwarded to those who take up this cover. Charges are invoiced on a quarterly basis.

Please note that interest may be charged where legally permitted on overdue accounts. Parents, caregivers and account payers are required to pay any collection recovery expenses incurred.