



Brigidine College

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Assistance to Families for payment of Tuition Fees

If families are encountering difficulties in maintaining existing payments arrangements with the College, there are a number of options available to them. These options are designed to assist families in facing the burdens of financial hardship.

1. Parents can approach an **external finance provider** called Edstart (www.edstart.com.au). This organisation deals with a large number of Australian independent schools seeking to match the parents' ability to pay fees and the schools need to maintain cash flow income. The Edstart Information sheet provides some details for families. This can be found on the Brigidine College website. Edstart provides flexible payment plans to pay for a child's education over a time frame that suits the family budget.

Parents can spread their school fees into weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments, as well as extending over a longer period. Parents can apply at any time of the year and complete an application within minutes.

Please note, in providing information about Edstart, the College does not provide any recommendations, brokering or advice services. We do not receive referral fees, commissions or other remuneration from Edstart.

If you have any queries, please contact Edstart on 1300 139 445 or email their team at contact@edstart.com.au.

2. The **College has a limited amount of Bursary Resources** to provide assistance where the need is demonstrated. While the College is not structured to provide large scale relief or extended credit terms beyond the current payment options, we may be able to offer some assistance to families. The College receives a number of requests for assistance each year and has a responsibility to ensure equity, fairness and compassion in its determination of awarding any Bursary Assistance. The College resources are insufficient to fund all requests for assistance, and this is particularly so in the current situation.

Completion of a Financial Assistance Application Form is required. The process requires parents to ensure they have also sought out other means of support. All dealings are confidential and parents are required to commit to this declaration. The Application Form is made available on our website, <https://www.brigidine.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/fees/>. Enquiries or completed application forms can be sent to bursary@brigidine.nsw.edu.au. Enquiries can also be made by telephone to the Business Manager Mr Richard Luxford on 9988 6268 or 0408967413.