



Financial Concession

Background

Our learning community consists of supportive families seeking quality schooling. Families commit to support the College in the following ways:

- **Educationally:** being an active partner in the education of their children.
- **Financially:** the timely payment of fees.
- **Socially:** helping build up our College community for the benefit of our children and young people, by speaking positively about the College and helping out occasionally as time permits.
- **Respectfully:** ensuring our ethos and purpose is promoted and maintaining positive relationships by speaking with staff members about issues and concerns as they arise through the correct channels.
- **Prayerfully:** positively praying for their children, class, teachers and the College.
- Additionally, parents may wish to help out on a regular basis as a volunteer.

The financial commitment is required as Blakes Crossing Christian College relies on fees paid by families to operate the college. The College does receive some financial assistance from the government, however, the amount received is insufficient to pay for all the operating costs. This is why it is essential that families contribute their fair share. This enables us to maintain low fees in comparison to other Independent Schools.

We know from experience, that at different times of life some families are unable to fulfil their financial commitments. The College seeks to help families who are undergoing financial hardship to maintain their children's enrolment at Blakes Crossing by offering a limited number of *Financial Hardship Concessions*.

How to apply

The Financial Concessions are accessed by completing a Financial Concession Application Form available from the College's Finance Officer. This is a comprehensive and confidential evaluation process that follows qualifying guidelines.

The process to apply for a concession and some pertinent conditions associated with the concession are outlined overleaf on page 2.

Financial Concession Application Process

Commence Application Process



- Obtain the Financial Concession Application Form from the College
- To ensure a timely process, please ensure that all sections are completed and supporting documents attached.
- The form can be submitted by email, post or in person to the College Finance Officer

Application is Reviewed



- The College's Leadership team will review your application
- Further discussions may be required in some circumstances

Financial Concession Decision



- The College will contact you to advise if your Financial Concession Application has been approved.
- If approved, you will receive a confirmation letter including a new payment plan.

Important points

- All concessions are valid only for the calendar year for which the application is made. This is because people's circumstances can change for the better or worse from year to year.
- Concessions are based on your families documented income. This means that you will need to provide some documentary evidence of your income. (eg. a pay slip).
- The College reserves the right to seek further information if necessary. Omissions or misleading information will cancel the concession arrangement.
- You must notify the College within one month if you or your spouse or partner have a change or improvement of income status or financial circumstances. If you do not advise the College, the concession arrangement may be terminated.
- Arrangements between yourself and the College are strictly confidential. The College reserves the right to cancel its approval if this confidence is breached.
- Payments by Ezidebit/Centrepay must be maintained and fully paid by the end of the college year.
- Students of families who receive a financial concession must:
 - Demonstrate a consistent standard of good behaviour
 - Be supportive of the College's behavioural expectations
 - Maintain a high level of effort in classwork, homework, assignments and assessment tasks
 - Be punctual and demonstrate a strong record of attendance
 - Consistently wear correct uniform