



MUDGIN FEE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

At St Dominic's College, we believe every young person deserves access to a quality education that not only develops their academic potential but also honours their identity and culture. Our Mudgin Fee Program reflects this commitment by offering Indigenous families a 20% annual discount on College Tuition Fees.

This initiative is more than financial support - it is an investment in the success and future pathways of our students. By reducing barriers to education, we hope to ensure that Indigenous students feel welcomed, supported, and empowered to thrive throughout their schooling years and beyond.

Our College works closely with students to strengthen literacy and learning through dedicated programs, before and after school study groups, and academic mentoring. We also guide students in exploring future opportunities, whether that be university, further training, or entering the workforce, helping them take confident steps towards their goals.

Equally important, we provide opportunities for students to connect with their culture, deepen their knowledge, and share their talents with the wider community. Our Indigenous dance group, for example, not only performs at College celebrations but also represents St Dominic's at public events, proudly showcasing cultural traditions.

Through this program, we aim to walk alongside our students and families, nurturing their growth as learners and as young people who will make a meaningful impact in their communities.



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FAQ

Why is St Dominic's College Offering a 20% Discount to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Students?

This initiative goes beyond financial assistance – it represents our commitment to the success and future pathways of our students. By easing the barriers to education, we strive to create an environment where Indigenous students feel valued, supported, and empowered to flourish throughout their schooling and into the next stage of life.

The 20% Tuition Fee discount is made possible through government initiatives designed to strengthen Indigenous education. By aligning with this funding, St Dominic's College is able to extend additional support to families, ensuring that Indigenous students can access the full breadth of opportunities available at our College. This partnership allows us to build on our commitment to equity in education while fostering cultural connection, academic growth, and future success.

How do I access the 20% discount for my child or children at St Dominic's College?

NEW FAMILIES

Families need to be enrolled at St Dominic's College before completing the Mudgin Fee Program Application Form. Please [click here](#) to access our online enrolment form. Once enrolled, families are required to complete and submit the Application Form for approval by St Dominic's College.

EXISTING FAMILIES

You will need to complete the Mudgin Fee Program Application Form. [Click here](#) to download. Once completed, this form and any other supporting and relevant material should be returned to the College Registrar.

After applications have been submitted and assessed, St Dominic's College will send a formal letter to families advising whether their child or children have been accepted into the Mudgin Fee Program.

What does the 20% discount apply to?

The 20% discount applies to the annual College Tuition Fee.

Are there any exceptions or conditions?

Where enrolments exceed maximum student numbers, applicants will be placed on a waiting list for new enrolments.

The 20% discount applies to the College Tuition Fees only.

The 20% discount does not apply to the Manchester City Football School Fees.

The 20% discount does not apply to the Building Levy.

Does the 20% discount still provide access to all other programs St Dominic's College has in place such as counselling, Diverse Learning etc?

Yes. All existing support services in place remain unchanged.

Can I apply for the 20% discount for all of my children in the one form?

No, you will need to complete an Application Form for each child enrolled at St Dominic's College.



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How will the 20% discount work?

From 1 January 2026, a 20% discount will be applied to College Fees for new and existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Families must apply for this discount and a letter confirming acceptance into the Program will be sent to successful applicants.

How long will the offering be available?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families can apply for the 20% discount offering from 2026 subject to Terms and Conditions. It will then be reviewed for extension at the end of the 2027 school year.

Who can apply for this support?

The invitation to take up this offering is open to all students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identify as such. See our Terms and Conditions for more details.

Is there an income test to access this support?

There will be no income test for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to access the 20% discount from 2026.

What kind of cultural support and help would my child receive at St Dominic's College?

The College is committed to supporting students on a daily basis and as such, employs a full-time Indigenous Education Officer.

Mr Jeramiah Trindall, our St Dominic's College Indigenous Education Officer's role at St Dominic's focusses on strengthening cultural connections, providing support to students, working alongside staff, families, and the wider community to foster a culturally safe and inclusive environment.

Mr Trindall also works closely with students on literacy programs, as well as before and after school study groups, to provide extra learning support and help strengthen their academic skills.

In addition to cultural support, Mr Trindall is committed to assisting our students in exploring and planning their pathways after school, whether that be further study, training, or entering the workforce. A main aim is to connect students with opportunities, resources and mentors who can help guide them towards achieving their future goals.

Students are supported in connecting with their culture and extending their knowledge. We also encourage our students to participate in our dance group who not only perform at our own events but have the opportunity to perform at public venues and occasions.

With the support of the Elders in our Local Aboriginal Community, the College as a whole celebrates important events to commemorate and reconcile the histories of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. At St Dominic's all students are given the opportunity to experience and learn about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions and culture.

These events are occasions for our boys deepen their understanding about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of them can contribute to achieving reconciliation.



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Will I be entitled to any back payments?

No, we do not offer retroactive payments.

Does my family need to be Catholic to attend St Dominic's College?

It is not necessary to share the Catholic faith to apply for enrolment at St Dominic's College. St Dominic's College is an inclusive community and we welcome all denominations.

How do I access support sooner if my family is struggling to pay College Fees now?

We encourage any family experiencing financial difficulties to reach out to our Fees Office for a confidential conversation about the support available. We want to ensure that all families feel supported.

How can I enrol my child or children St Dominic's College?

St Dominic's College is now accepting enrolment applications. Please [click here](#) to complete an online enrolment.

Inclusive Fee Program Eligibility Requirements

The Eligibility Requirements for the 20% discount are as follows:

1. The Discount is only available to new or existing enrolments St Dominic's College.
2. To be eligible to receive a Discount, you must:
 - a. be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
 - b. identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
 - c. provide the required proof of eligibility and supporting documentation set below.

Required Proof of Eligibility and Supporting Documentation

Families who are eligible to receive the Discount must provide a Declaration affirming your child's Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island heritage. This Declaration can be found in the **Mudgin Fee Program Application Form**. Please read our Terms and Conditions to view details on how to provide documentation to support your declaration.