

Changes to fee pay arrangements

We are pleased to advise that we have partnered with specialist provider, Edstart, to make managing school fee payments easier.

For those parents who currently pay the termly invoices as they are due, there is no change to that arrangement. For those who wish to pay in instalments, the School will now provide access to Edstart Plus which offers flexible payment options for the payment of school fees.

Edstart Plus allows you to:

- pay weekly, fortnightly, or monthly by selecting the schedule that works best for your circumstances
- choose your preferred day for when payments are made
- spread your school fee payments over a full twelve-month period
- pay via direct debit, debit/credit card or BPay
- adjust your repayments at any time, and
- arrange a payment plan with no credit check or additional cost to you.

You can start using Edstart Plus immediately for all future fees including additional charges such as the Resources Fee, Capital Fee and Voluntary Building Fund contribution.

Edstart also offers a product called Extend which allows families to reduce their annual spending by extending repayments up to five years beyond graduation. This option is subject to an assessment and fees apply.

If you wish to pay 2023 fees by instalments, please visit <https://edstart.com.au/meriden> by **31 January 2023** to set up your account in preparation for payment of 2023 Term 1 fees. Once your account has been set up, Edstart will then pay your school fees to Meriden on your behalf, on the due date, and activate your regular repayments to Edstart as part of your plan.

Please [click here](#) for more information. Please note that the previous method that Meriden used (which only allowed plans to be set up each term) will no longer be available.

You can contact Edstart on 1300 139 445 or email contact@edstart.com.au if you have any queries or require assistance with setting up your account. The School's Business Services team is working closely with Edstart to ensure a smooth transition and can be contacted at business.services@meriden.nsw.edu.au to help with any concerns or questions.

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