



2026 FEES AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable application fee of **R800** is payable on return of the Application for Admission form.

ACCEPTANCE FEE

A non-refundable acceptance fee is payable immediately upon acceptance of the offer of a place in the school.

This is calculated as **10%** of the annual tuition fee. Boarders to include **10%** of the annual boarding fee in this calculation.

NON-RESIDENTS' SURCHARGE

There is an **annual charge of R2 500** per pupil payable by all pupils resident in countries outside the borders of South Africa to cover additional administration costs. This also applies to local parents paying in foreign currency.

NON-RESIDENTS' DEPOSIT

Deposit for non-residents: **two terms' fees in advance**. Due to the challenges encountered with strict securities and exchange restrictions, a deposit of two terms' fees (in addition to the regular acceptance fee) must be lodged with the school before a pupil from outside of South Africa may be enrolled in the school.

GENERAL-PURPOSE LEVY

This levy covers the following costs:

Personal Accident Insurance; IEB Examination costs; Prep School (Grades RRR to 7) school-issued stationery; a limited number of textbooks/workbooks; a limited amount of printing/photocopying; computer, laboratory, library and internet usage; the High School diary and Names and Faces booklet; the school magazine; transport to and from local league sporting events; all grade outings and overnight tours; Grade 10 Vogue Ball and Matric Dance.

DEVELOPMENT LEVY

This levy, which is charged per family, is used solely for the development of facilities, and is administered by representatives of the Trustees, the Board of Governors, School Executive and the parent body.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE AND MEDICAL AID

- Personal Accident insurance is included in the General-Purpose Levy. However, parents are required to ensure that their children are members of a medical aid scheme and provide the school with their medical aid details.
- Parents are required to ensure that all their children's possessions are insured under their own personal insurance policies. The school will not be held liable for theft/ loss of pupils' possessions from school or any sporting and/or co-curricular event.

PAYMENT OF FEES

All fees are billed and payable by **debit order monthly in advance** over **11** months.

Non-residents and those paying in foreign currency are not eligible to pay their fees by debit order.

An annual admin fee of **R4 000** will be charged to all accounts that have not complied with the debit order system.

Any debit order returned by the bank will attract an admin fee of **R500**.

PAYMENT IN CASH OR BY CREDIT CARD

Any bank charges incurred by Epworth for payments in cash and by credit card will not be borne by Epworth. In addition, an admin fee of **R350** per cash deposit will be charged.

EARLY SETTLEMENT DISCOUNT

Parents who pay the published 2026 annual fees **IN FULL** before 30 November 2025 are entitled to a discount of **6.5%** and before 31 December 2025, a discount of **3.5%**. Foreign transfers take longer to clear, and these delays must be considered so as not to miss the early settlement discount cut-off dates.

SIBLING ALLOWANCES

An allowance of **10%** on tuition fees from Grades 1 to 12 will be granted on the fees of the second and each subsequent sibling from the same family, **provided** that such child does not enjoy any other form of fee assistance.

CHARGES NOT COVERED BY FEES AND LEVIES:**TRANSPORT**

The school provides transport for pupils to and from various venues in and around Pietermaritzburg each day. Transport is offered to boarders who reside in the Durban, Hillcrest and Ballito areas at the beginning and end of each week. Details of these and the costs involved can be obtained from the Transport Office or on the Epworth website.

DAY SCHOLAR LUNCHES

- Morning tea and lunch is provided to all high school pupils (the cost of this is included in the tuition fee).
- Preparatory school pupils from Grades 1 to 7 may order lunch, on a termly basis only, at a cost of **R1 900** per term.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL AFTERCARE

- Aftercare is offered to pupils in Grades RRR to 7 and is charged at **R42** per day to a maximum of **R1 900** per term.
- After 17:15 collection of pupils will result in a late penalty charge of **R300** per incident.
- Parents are required to provide lunch and refreshments for their children attending aftercare.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION LEVIES

The Parents' Association levies of each school (Preparatory and High School) is agreed on each year at their respective annual general meetings in February.

GRADE 8 LAPTOP PROGRAMME

This is compulsory for all Grade 8s in 2027 and onwards. Communication of the programme, the amount and payment instalments will be communicated with parents in August of the year preceding Grade 8. Laptops will not be issued if full payment has not been made.

SUNDRY COSTS

All other costs such as music lessons, ballet, horse riding, non-compulsory academic activities, extra lessons etc. are charged individually as they are incurred. Charges for extra lessons and extra-mural activities are available on request. An administration fee of 10% is charged on all items of a personal nature charged to a pupil's school account, e.g. medical costs.

2026 FEE STRUCTURE

Grade	Tuition Fee	General-Purpose Levy	Development Levy (per family)	Total Fee per year (including tuition and levies)	Total Fee per month (over 11 months)	Boarding Fee	Total Boarder Fee per year (including tuition, levies and boarding)	Total Boarder Fee per 11 months
RRR	52 800	1 749	8 140	R62 689	R5 699			
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R	52 800	6 930	8 140	R67 870	R6 170			
1	84 700	9 680	8 140	R102 520	R9 320			
2	84 700	9 680	8 140	R102 520	R9 320			
3	103 950	9 790	8 140	R121 880	R11 080			
4	103 950	9 790	8 140	R121 880	R11 080			
5	105 050	10 890	8 140	R124 080	R11 280			
6	128 700	10 890	8 140	R147 730	R13 430	R144 000	R291 730	R26 521
7	128 700	12 760	8 140	R149 600	R13 600	R144 000	R293 600	R26 691
8	151 800	14 300	8 140	R174 240	R15 840	R144 000	R318 240	R28 931
9	151 800	21 560	8 140	R181 500	R16 500	R144 000	R325 500	R29 591
10	151 800	14 300	8 140	R174 240	R15 840	R144 000	R318 240	R28 931
11	151 800	16 500	8 140	R176 440	R16 040	R144 000	R320 440	R29 131
12	151 800	16 500	8 140	R176 440	R16 040	R144 000	R320 440	R29 131

EPWORTH BANKING DETAILS:

Account name: Epworth School Trust
 Bank: First National Bank
 Branch code: 257 355
 Internet banking code: 250 655
 Account number: 56771 114 802
 Swift code: FIRNZAJJ
 Reference: Surname and reason for payment (Example: Chetty/Acceptance Fee)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONTACT DETAILS:

For further information, please contact the Finance department on 033 846 2500 / debtors@epworth.co.za