



# Tuition, Fees and After Tax Costs

2020-21

## Parent Participation Fee

Parent participation is vital to the effective running of our school and all of its activities. This fee program is asking families to volunteer 20 hours or pay \$250.00 each year. The requirement is the same regardless of the number of children you have enrolled in the school. Volunteer hours can be completed by any adult family member who is willing to adhere to Nanaimo Christian Schools policies and complete a Criminal Record check. Understandably, some families may not be able to volunteer so we do provide an alternative option to donate to the Parent Participation Fund instead. If either option creates a hardship, please speak to the School's Administration.

## New Family Capital Improvement Fee

This is a one time tax receiptable fee due upon enrollment, per new family, of \$1000. The purpose of this fee is to help maintain and improve the school campus. This fee also acknowledges that current and past school families have contributed and laid the foundation but that ongoing support from new families is still essential. Families who can not make this contribution will need to meet with the Business Office or Principal.

## Tuition for 2020-21

As a level 1 funded school in the Province of BC, Nanaimo Christian School receives 50% of the student grant given to the local public schools. As an example, if a School District 68 student receives \$8000, NCS would receive for \$4000 for that student. The rest of the funding is made up through tuition. NCS has made a deliberate attempt to make Christian education affordable for families and offers a graduated tuition rate. As a level 1 school, our costs can not exceed the cost per student in our local school district which means we need to make sure that the combination of tuition and government grants are not higher than the amount the school district receives.

Each year, the Finance Committee and Board reviews the tuition to ensure that the school can function and operate successfully. This includes ensuring staff are compensated fairly, that students have access to programs and resources and that facilities are maintained and safe. This year, the tuition increase is a staggered increase. A family with one child will see a 1% increase and the family maximum amount has a 3% increase.

Our tuition rates for 2020-21 are as follows: Note: HS Fee = High School Fee, added on to base tuition. Does not include the Grade 12 Graduation Fees.



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# of Students	Grades	Family Annual Tuition	HS Fee	2020-21 TOTAL	2019-20 Total	\$ Annual Increase	Actual % Increase
1	Full-time K-8	\$6,809	\$0	\$6,809	\$6,742	\$67	0.99%
1	9-12	\$6,809	\$375	\$7,184	\$7,117	\$67	0.94%
2	K-8	\$8,761	\$0	\$8,761	\$8,632	\$129	1.49%
2	K-8, 9-12	\$8,761	\$375	\$9,136	\$9,007	\$129	1.43%
2	9-12	\$8,761	\$750	\$9,511	\$9,382	\$129	1.37%
3+	K-8	\$9,542	\$0	\$9,542	\$9,332	\$210	2.25%
	K-12, 1 or more in HS	\$9,565	\$375/HS Student	\$9,882	\$9,594	\$288	3.00%
4+	K-8	\$10,029	\$0	\$9,882	\$9,594	\$288	3.00%
	K-12, 1 or more in HS	\$10,029	\$375/HS Student	\$9,882	\$9,594	\$288	3.00%
5+	K-12	\$10,029	\$0	\$9,882	\$9,594	\$288	3.00%

### After Tax Cost

Every year, parents may receive two tax receipts from Nanaimo Christian School, both of which are used on your tax return to reduce the taxes payable to the government. One receipt incorporates any donations made over and above tuition payments, including those made to the capital campaign, Dare to Believe. The second receipt consists of the portion of the family's tuition relating to "religious" education after deducting the portion allocated to so-called "secular" education. This calculation is made in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency's guidelines and can vary from year to year depending on a number of factors. As an illustration, if a family with two children at NCS paid tuition of \$7500, and the "secular" cost of education was calculated to be \$500 per student, the family would receive a tuition donation receipt of \$6500 (\$7500 tuition minus \$500 per child). For BC residents, all donations in excess of \$200 attract a tax savings of 43.7%, so for a 2 kid family tuition payment of \$7500, the tax savings would be about \$2840, resulting in a net tuition cost to that family of \$4660. And here is a good idea, at least we think so. Would you consider donating a portion of your tax savings or refund? This would greatly help NCS in providing great education and facilities and as an extra bonus, you would generate a further refund the following spring. It's a cycle that keeps growing and growing.