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ST MARY'S
Catholic College

School Fees & Payment Plans for 2024

St Mary's Catholic College is pleased to provide full details of fees and levies for the 2024 academic year. This document outlines the financial commitment that families agree to make with their students' enrolment at the College.

Fee Payment Process

We ask that all college fees are finalised before 30 November each year. School fee accounts will be emailed to each account holder at the start of each term. This will begin in February. A link will be emailed in early December to each Account Holder to request your preferred Fee Payment Arrangement for 2024.

All account holders are to nominate one of the following options to pay their total fee balance:

- The entire annual fees by March 31st, to qualify for the early payment discount.
- The term fee balance paid in full within 14 days or;
- Weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly instalments made via Direct Debit set up with the College, with the balance being cleared no later than 30 November each year.

A response is required by January 31st 2024. A non-response at this time will automatically revert to term fees paid within 14 days.

The account statements should be reviewed regularly to monitor any changes required to the instalment amount, to ensure the balance is paid in full by 30 November each year. Payment methods for term fee payments are noted on the account statement, which include Direct bank transfer or BPay using Online banking. Payment can also be made at the College office using Credit cards, Debit cards or cash. The Customer Account number, located at the top left of your statement under your name and address, should be referred to in all communication with the College Finance Office.

Direct Debit

A Direct Debit must be set up with the College to qualify for a payment arrangement through instalments. Payments can be set up on a nominated day, for regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments to be deducted from your bank account. It is recommended the direct debit should start in January each year, to have the minimum instalment amount possible, and ensure the total fees balance is paid in full by 30 November each year. Please contact the College Finance Office if you require assistance in calculating your required direct debit amount.

If a fee instalment declines, families will be contacted by the College Finance Office to make up this missed payment by through an additional one-off BPay transfer within 30 days. This will ensure the payment arrangement remains on track to pay in full by November 30.

Discounts & Concessions

Sibling Discounts on the Diocesan tuition fee applies for families with two or more students attending Catholic Primary and/or Secondary schools within the Cairns Diocese. For the sibling discount to be automatically applied to your school fees account at St Mary's Catholic College, and at other Cairns Catholic Diocesan schools, the billing responsibilities on all the Enrolment Forms must be the same for all siblings. If this has not occurred, we will request revised financial obligation forms to be completed to align and enable the discount to be applied.

Holders of certain categories of Health Care and Pensioner Concession Cards may be eligible to receive fee concessions. To be eligible, a copy of the card and application form must be submitted to St Mary's Finance Office before the start of term 1 for new families, and again when the card expires. We are unable to apply your concession retrospectively. Please submit the updated form with a copy of your new card to the College Finance Office, prior to the next term fee billing being completed.

An annual fee payer discount of 5% on the Diocesan Tuition Fee, is offered for account holders who pay the full years School fees and levies, by 31 March 2024. Families must opt in by 31st January 2024 to be eligible for the Tuition Fee discount. The annual discounted fee will be advised, and payment must be made by March 31st, 2024.

Families experiencing genuine financial hardship may be eligible to receive discounts or exceptional payment arrangements. Please contact the College Finance Office to make an application for a Financial Hardship Concession. Your circumstances will be treated in the strictest confidence. Applications for Financial Hardships will need to be made each year.

St Marys Catholic College Finance Office

The best way to contact the College Finance Office is to call 07 4044 4200, select option 2 or email smw.accounts@cns.catholic.edu.au. The Finance Office is open 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday throughout the year, with the exception of public holidays and closure for the Christmas/New Year week. All forms and current fee information can also be found on St Mary's Catholic College website <https://www.smcc.qld.edu.au/enrol-now/college-fee-structure/>

Our staff look forward to working with you to make the payment of fees a simple and straight forward process. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education at St Mary's Catholic College.

Regards,



Christina Spillane
Business Manager

Fee & levies Schedule 2024

Year 7		Annual	Per Term
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student	\$2,938	734.50
College Resource Levy	Per student	\$1,860	465.00
Building Levy	Per family	\$735	183.75
Laptop Hire 2024-2026	Per student	\$500	125.00
P&F Levy	Per family	\$80	20.00
Total		\$6,113	1,528.25
Less (optional) Annual payment discount		(147)	
Total after optional early payment discount		\$5,966	n/a
Years 8-9		Annual	Per Term
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student	\$2,938	734.50
College Resource Levy	Per student	\$1,860	465.00
Building Levy	Per family	\$735	183.75
P&F Levy	Per family	\$80	20.00
Total		\$5,613	1,403.25
Less (optional) Annual payment discount		(147)	
Total after optional early payment discount		\$5,466	n/a
Year 10		Annual	Per Term
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student	\$3,608	902.00
College Resource Levy	Per student	\$1,860	465.00
Building Levy	Per family	\$735	183.75
Work Experience Levy	Per student *	\$130	
P&F Levy	Per family	\$80	20.00
Total		\$6,413	1,570.75
Less (optional) Annual payment discount		(180)	
Total after optional early payment discount		\$6,233	n/a
* Work Experience Levy additional charge in Term 1 only			
Year 11		Annual	Per Term
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student	\$3,608	902.00
College Resource Levy	Per student	\$1,860	465.00
Building Levy	Per family	\$735	183.75
P&F Levy	Per family	\$80	20.00
Total		\$6,283	1,570.75
Less (optional) Annual payment discount		(180)	
Total after optional early payment discount		\$6,103	n/a
Year 12		Annual	Per Term
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student *	\$3,608	1,202.67
College Resource Levy	Per student *	\$1,860	620.00
Building Levy	Per family	\$735	245.00
P&F Levy	Per family	\$80	26.67
Total		\$6,283	2,094.33
Less (optional) Annual payment discount		(180)	
Total after optional early payment discount		\$6,103	n/a
* Yr 12 per student charges are billed over Terms 1,2 and 3.			
All other year levels are billed over 4 Terms.			

The Diocesan Tuition Fee is set by the Catholic Diocese of Cairns. It is charged to meet the costs of providing tuition by quality teachers.

The College Resource Levy covers costs of items required by students to attend and participate in classes, and in student activities. This includes teaching and classroom resources, technology and library resources, camps, retreats, excursions, year level activities, photocopying costs, and other support and administration service costs.

The P&F Levy supports parent initiatives and funds / subsidises other College functions and activities. The amount is agreed with Family Connect.

The Building Levy funds the large capital costs of buildings and facilities. The most recent large building project is the Hugh O'Brien (HOB) Centre redevelopment.

The Laptop Hire Levy will apply exclusively to the Year 7s for 2024 and extend for the period of the three-year hire agreement. From 2025 this will apply for each Year 7 and Year 10 cohort, set for the term of the three-year agreements.

The Work Experience Levy is charged to Year 10 students, being the charge incurred to engage the Work Experience Placement providers. This is a one-off annual charge applied in Term 1.

The following charges may also be billed, where applicable

- Costs for music program students who attend the annual music choir camp.
- Costs associated with participation in the College musical.
- Replacement of lost ID Cards.
- The cost of library books, including textbooks, and any College resources not returned after recovery processes have been exhausted.
- Where students elect to undertake extracurricular activities such as Instrumental Music, (including instrument rental charges) fees are billed on your fee statement each term. Separate communications, and a separate schedule of fees and charges, is available for those participating in these programs.
- Some extracurricular tours such as Sporting Tours will be billed separately, links will be emailed to make the online payment.