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School Fees & Levies for 2027

St Monica's College is pleased to provide full details of fees and levies for the 2027 academic year. We hope that as you work through this document you will fully understand the financial commitment required of our families to have a daughter attend St Monica's College. Our aim is to provide clear information to assist you with your family budgeting and planning, knowing our finance team is always available to assist in any way possible.

Our College tuition fees and levies are determined on an annual basis and are billed at the beginning of each term to the parties indicated on the student enrolment form. Discounts on the Diocesan tuition fees apply for families with two, three or more students attending a Catholic primary and/or secondary school within the Cairns Diocese. Further discounts are available to holders of certain categories of Health Care and Pensioner Concession Cards, and to families experiencing genuine financial hardship (concessions are only considered following engagement with the College and completion of the confidential fee concession application form)

As a guide only, the charge for a student in Year's 7-9 is $8,000 p.a., whilst for Year's 10-12 the amount is $9,000 p.a. This equates to approximately $200.00 per week and $225.00 per week respectively, spread over 40 weeks.

Parents and carers through their commitment to Catholic education, have a responsibility and obligation to pay College Tuition fees and levies as they fall due.

All fees and levies are due for payment *14 days* after accounts are issued.

Methods by which school accounts may be settled are shown below:

- Electronic funds transfer (EFT) – details located on account statement.
- BPAY – details located on account statement.
- Credit Card (Visa/Mastercard only) over the phone 4042 4800.
- Automatic Direct Debit (from your nominated bank account) set up by contacting the Finance team on 4042 4844 or 4042 4848 or smc.accounts@cns.catholic.edu.au
- Payments in person at the College reception (EFTPOS, Credit Cards, Cash or Cheque)

A brief explanation of the various fees and levies are included on the following page.

Diocesan Tuition Fees

The tuition fee is set annually by Catholic Education Services, Diocese of Cairns and is a charge to meet the costs of providing tuition. These tuition costs are applicable across all Cairns Diocesan Schools and Colleges. A sibling discount is available to families with two, three or more students attending Catholic schools, either primary or secondary, in the Cairns Diocese.

Year Levy

The year levy is set each year to cover expenses relating to that year level throughout the year. Items included but not limited to are: teaching resources, classroom resources, library resources, student activities, excursions and camps, other support services and administration costs.

IT Levy

The IT levy covers the cost of providing a new student laptop in tear 7 and 10.

Note: Loss or damage to a school laptop will result in additional costs.

P&F Levy

A compulsory family levy raised on behalf of the P&F in lieu of other activities such as fetes and working bees. It provides a consistent source of funds which the P&F in turn uses to assist with the costs of College endorsed functions and equipment purchases.

Building levy

A compulsory family levy which contributes to the capital cost of maintaining and upgrading school infrastructure including adding new buildings and facilities. It Is not tax deductible.

Other points to Note:

Refund of Tuition Fees:

Where a student departs the College part way through a term, the following refunds will apply:

1. Within 3 weeks of the commencement of a term, 70% of that terms Tuition fees portion only.
2 After 3 weeks since the commencement of a term, Nil refund.

Where a student misses an entire term because of a family holiday or being on an exchange program, the College will charge a holding fee of $500.00 per term.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please ring our Finance staff on 4042 4800 and they will be happy to assist with your query.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education at St Monica's College.

Leanne Webster
PRINCPAL

Scott Sheppard
BUSINESS MANAGER

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2027 Schedule of Fees and Charges

Enrolment Fees		
Enrolment Application Fee (once off, non-refundable)		$100.00
Enrolment Confirmation Fee (once off, non-refundable)		$200.00
Annual Fees and Charges Years 7 - Billed over 4 terms	**$ Per Year**	**$ Per Term**
Tuition Fee	$3,260.00	$815.00
Year Levy (College Resource Fee)	$3,040.00	$760.00
IT levy	$520.00	$130.00
Building Fund Levy (compulsory)	$1,000.00	$250.00
Parents & Friends Levy (compulsory)	$180.00	$45.00
	$8,000.00	**$2,000.00**
Annual Fees and Charges Years 8 - Billed over 4 Terms	**$ Per Year**	**$ Per Term**
Tuition Fee	$3,260.00	$815.00
Year Levy (College Resource Fee)	$3,040.00	$760.00
IT levy	$520.00	$130.00
Building Fund Levy (compulsory)	$1,000.00	$250.00
Parents & Friends Levy (compulsory)	$180.00	$45.00
	$8,000.00	**$2,000.00**
Annual Fees and Charges Years 9 - Billed over 4 Terms	**$ Per Year**	**$ Per Term**
Tuition Fee	$3,260.00	$815.00
Year Levy (College Resource Fee)	$3,040.00	$760.00
IT levy	$520.00	$130.00
Building Fund Levy (compulsory)	$1,000.00	$250.00
Parents & Friends Levy (compulsory)	$180.00	$45.00
	$8,000.00	**$2,000.00**
Annual Fees and Charges Years 10 - Billed over 4 Terms	**$ Per Year**	**$ Per Term**
Tuition Fee	$4,004.00	$1,001.00
Year Levy (College Resource Fee)	$3,296.00	$824.00
IT levy	$520.00	$130.00
Building Fund Levy (compulsory)	$1,000.00	$250.00
Parents & Friends Levy (compulsory)	$180.00	$45.00
	$9,000.00	**$2,250.00**
Annual Fees and Charges Years 11 - Billed over 4 Terms	**$ Per Year**	**$ Per Term**
Tuition Fee	$4,004.00	$1,001.00
Year Levy (College Resource Fee)	$3,296.00	$824.00
IT levy	$520.00	$130.00
Building Fund Levy (compulsory)	$1,000.00	$250.00
Parents & Friends Levy (compulsory)	$180.00	$45.00
	$9,000.00	**$2,250.00**
Annual Fees and Charges Years 12 - Billed over 3 Terms	**$ Per Year**	**$ Per Term**
Tuition Fee	$4,004.00	$1,334.67
Year Levy (College Resource Fee)	$3,296.00	$1,098.67
IT levy	$520.00	$173.33
Building Fund Levy (compulsory)	$1,000.00	$333.33
Parents & Friends Levy (compulsory)	$180.00	$60.00
	$9,000.00	**$3,000.00**
Boarding Fees (not including day school fees)	**$ Per Year**	**$ Per Term**
Weekly Boarder (invoiced by St Augustine's)	$22,756.00	$5,689.00
Full Time Boarder (invoiced by St Augustine's)	$27,925.00	$6,981.25

Other Possible charges:		**Yr10-11**	**Yr12**
Cert course in Business, Health, Fitness	**Per term**	**$125.00**	**$166.67**
Cert course in Hospitality	**Per term**	**$250.00**	**$333.33**
Yr10 Work Experience		**$180.00**	
Musical instrument rental	**Various**		
Lost library books, laptop damage etc	**At cost**		

*** Please contact the College on 07 4042 4844 if you need assistance calculating your BPAY/Direct Debit**

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Uniform Price List 2026/2027









FORMAL UNIFORM

Junior Skirt – Grey with side pleat and Logo - Year 7, 8 & 9		$48.00
Senior Skirt – Year 10, 11 & 12		$60.00
Trousers	– Grey with Logo (Limited Sizes avaialble)	$60.00
Blouse	– White with College Logo	$42.00
Blouse	– Long Sleeve white with College Logo	$50.00
Hat	– Grey Panama with logo	$80.00
Socks	– White Ankle Socks (pack of 3)	$20.00
Shoes	– Black leather lace ups (Not available from College Shop)	

SCHOOL TIES $16.00

Pale Blue	– Year 7 & 8
Grey	– Year 9 &10
Navy Blue	– Year 11
Maroon	– Year 12

SPORTS UNIFORM

Polo Shirt – Maroon and Blue with College Logo	$40.00
Sports Shorts – Maroon with College Logo	$35.00
Sports Hat – Maroon Adjust Toggle and College Logo	$20.00
Sports Socks – With Logo (pack of 2)	$15.00
House Colour Shirts with College Logo	$38.00
Sports Joggers – any colour (Not available from College Shop)	

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM COLLEGE SHOP

Backpack – Blue backpack with College Logo	$85.00
Swimmers – Blue & Maroon with College Logo	$65.00
Jumper – Blue Pullover V-Neck with Logo	$65.00
College Jacket – Navy Blue with Logo	$70.00
Dance Shirt	$40.00
Casio fx-82AU PLUS II 2nd Edition Scientific Calculator	$45.00
St Monica's College Badge	$10.00
College Combination Lock	$20.00
Visual Art Diary	$ 7.00
Brush Set Eastart Purple set of 5	$15.00

OTHER ITEMS REQUIRED – NOT AVAILABLE FROM COLLEGE SHOP

Black leggings & Black Singlet (Dance)/ Black Shirt (Drama)
Umbrella – small enough to fit in backpack

College Swimmers must be worn to all swimming lessons and swimming excursions. If you feel the need to wear a sun shirt, it must be a plain navy blue or black swim shirt.

*Please note: Hair must be worn off the face if longer than shoulder length. Hair ribbons/bands etc. should only be white, grey, maroon or navy and pale blue. Selections of hair accessories are available from the College Shop.

FLEXISCHOOLS is available if you wish to purchase uniform items online http://www.flexischools.com.au/ or via the MyCE App.

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20 July 2026

Dear parents and caregivers,

2027 Tuition Fees – Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns

The annual review has occurred to determine the level of school tuition fees in 2027. We advise that tuition fees for our primary and secondary schools in the Cairns Diocese in 2027 will increase by 4.1%, in line with the current inflation rate.

The decision to raise fees is not taken for granted or made without careful consideration of the resource needs of schools, balanced against the capacity of families to contribute.

For Catholic schools, the need to charge tuition fees and levies arises from the lower funding that is provided by governments for students in non-government schools. Tuition fees are used by schools to meet ongoing expenditure of the school. A minor portion of the tuition fee is also used to fund the purchase of land for existing and new schools and accommodation for teaching staff in regional and remote areas.

The 2027 tuition fee schedule for families with children attending primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Cairns is attached. Sibling discounts will continue to be offered to families with more than one child enrolled in one or more Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese, at 15% for two students, 30% for three students and no additional tuition fee for four or more students.

The 2027 tuition fee increase applies to tuition fees only. Schools and colleges charge various levies to support specific initiatives or activities within each school or college community. As these costs vary from school to school, these levies are set individually by the schools and colleges. Refer to individual school and college websites for levies detail.

I appreciate that some families may face financial hardship in meeting fees and levies. It is important that families who want to access Catholic Education for their children are not excluded because they do not have the means to pay fees. It is our policy and practice to assist any family in this situation. Ongoing enrolment and continuity of student learning is more important to us than the payment of fees and levies by families facing financial hardship. It is therefore equally important that those families who can afford to pay their fees do so, so that we can continue to fund necessary resourcing, and support those in need and reach out to the disadvantaged.

The tuition fee discount for eligible parents/carers with a means-tested eligible Australian Government Concession Card will continue at the rate of 70% in 2027.

Families without an eligible Concession Card who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should continue to apply for special consideration by speaking with their school Principal or Parish Priest who will treat the situation with understanding, sensitivity, and confidentiality.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to providing a Catholic education for your student(s). We are proud of the quality of education provided in our schools and we are keenly aware and grateful of how much parental support we receive, both through payment of tuition fees and levies and so many other forms of generous help.

With best wishes,



Diarmuid O'Riordan
Executive Director

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2027 Tuition Fees

Catholic Diocese of Cairns 2027 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule

	Tuition Fee Per Student						
	Number of Students in Parish & Diocesan Schools						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Prep & Primary - Years P-6							No additional charge for 4 or more siblings
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
Prep & Primary - per week (40 wks)	47.55	40.42	33.28	24.96	19.97	16.64	14.26
Prep & Primary - per term	475	404	333	250	200	166	143
2027 - Prep & Primary - per year	$1902	$1617	$1331	$999	$799	$666	$571
Less Country Discount @ 10%	-$191	-$162	-$133	-$100	-$80	-$67	-$57
2027 - Prep & Primary after country discount	$1712	$1455	$1198	$899	$719	$599	$514
Lower Secondary - Years 7-9							
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
Lower Secondary - per week (40 wks)	81.51	69.28	57.06	42.79	34.23	28.53	24.45
Lower Secondary - per term	815	693	571	428	342	285	245
2027 - Lower Secondary - per year	$ 3260	$ 2771	$2282	$1712	$1369	$1141	$978
Less Country Discount @ 10%	-$327	-$277	-$228	-$171	-$137	-$114	-$98
2027 - Lower Secondary after country discount	$2934	$2494	$2054	$1541	$1232	$1027	$880
Upper Secondary - Years 10-12							
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
Upper Secondary - per week (40 wks)	100.10	85.08	70.07	52.55	42.04	35.03	30.03
Upper Secondary - per term	1001	851	701	526	420	350	300
2027 - Upper Secondary - per year	$4004	$3403	$2803	$2102	$1682	$1401	$1201
Less Country Discount @ 10%	-$400	-$340	-$280	-$210	-$168	-$140	-$120
2027 - Upper Secondary after country discount	$3604	$3063	$2523	$1892	$1514	$1261	$1081

Note: the above figures have been reported without decimals.

Schools Qualifying as Country Discount

St Joseph's School, Atherton
Good Counsel College, Innisfail
St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa
St Michael's School, Gordonvale
Mount St Bernard College, Herberton
St Clare's School, Tully
Good Counsel Primary School, Innisfail

In addition to the above schools the 2027 Tuition Fee Schedule applies to;

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlville
St Therese's School, Bentley Park
St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch
St Thomas's School, Mareeba
Holy Cross School, Smithfield
St Monica's College, Cairns
Mother of Good Counsel School, North Cairns
St Gerard Majella School, Woree
MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter
St Joseph's School, Parramatta
St Francis Xavier's School, Manunda
Newman Catholic College, Smithfield
St Augustine's College, Cairns
St Mary's Catholic College, Woree
St Stephen's Catholic College

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Catholic School Fee Discounts

For families with more than one child in Catholic primary and/or secondary schools in the Cairns Diocese, attend a country school, or hold a Health Care or Pensioner Concession card.

Why do Catholic schools have fees?

To provide quality learning environments, Catholic schools have fees to help meet the shortfall in government funding provided to students in government schools. Catholic schools strive to keep fees as low as possible.

The term 'school fees' includes tuition fees and levies. Each school assesses the school levies necessary to meet their individual school and community operation requirements. In doing this they are firstly guided by the tuition fee set by Catholic Education Services.

How do I enrol my child in a Catholic school?

Parents/carers are encouraged to contact the Principal of their preferred Catholic school to find out about their enrolment procedures and what information is required to complete the enrolment application (e.g. birth certificate, baptism certificate, school reports and academic records if applicable). Enrolment applications are accepted at any time and can be made online from a school's website, for more than one school, if desired.

Schools may not always be able to accept every family who applies, due to the availability of places. The Principal is then guided by Cairns Catholic Education's enrolment policy and the school may have waiting lists.

Multi-student/school family discount

Families with more than one child in the same or other Catholic primary or secondary schools in the Cairns Diocese receive tuition fee discounts for the second, third and subsequent children. This information is collected by the school at the time of enrolment and the discount is automatically applied.

Country area discount

Schools in more remote, country areas also qualify for a further Country discount. This discount automatically applies at the time of enrolment. Country schools are listed on the Cairns Catholic Education schedule of fees.

Pensioner and health care card holder fee discount

In addition to family and country school discounts, Cairns Catholic Education offers a means-tested concession card discount. Parents/carers with a current means-tested Australian government health care or pensioner concession card are eligible to receive a 70% discount to tuition fees (does not apply to school levies).

Card holders are required to advise the school of their concession card at enrolment or when the card is gained. Once the card is sighted by the school's administration, tuition fees for future terms will be adjusted. This scheme is intended to assist those families who genuinely do not have the financial capacity to pay tuition fees in full.

Special consideration

Families without a means-tested concession card who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should speak with their school Principal or Parish Priest to apply for special consideration. These requests are treated with respect, dignity and confidentiality.

No child will be denied enrolment due to genuine financial difficulty which has been verified by the school. Catholic schools balance the need to charge fees with their historic role of providing access to quality schooling for all.

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Concession Card Information

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns provide a discount on tuition fees for holders of means-tested Health Care and Pensioner Concession Cards.
The discount applies to tuition fees and not to school levies and charges.
The cards must be current and preferably list, as dependents, the students for whom the discount is sought. We understand that all students will not always be listed.

Two categories of cards are eligible for the discount:

Health Care Cards

Only cards with the following codes that are means-tested or subject to an income and assets test are eligible for the reduced tuition fee rate:

- FA (Family Allowance)
- PP/PPP (Parenting Payment) (partnered)
- JSP/JS (Job Seeker Payment) includes old codes NSA/ NA/SA (New Start & Sick Allowance)
- PA (Partner Allowance)
- SL/SpB (Special Benefit)
- WA/WDA (Widow Allowance)
- LI/LIC (Low Income)
- Austudy
- FH (Farm Household Allowance)
- CP/CAR/CD (Carer Payment)
- MO (Mobility Allowance)
- Carer Allowance entitlements (contact your school directly)

Card must be in the name of the fee payer.
Card in the name of the student will not be accepted



Pensioner Concession Cards

Only cards with the following codes that are means-tested or subject to an income and assets test are eligible for the reduced tuition fee rate:

- PPS (Parenting Payment Single)
- PP/PPP (Parenting Payment) (partnered)
- JSP/JS (Job Seeker Payment) includes old codes SA (Sick Allowance)
- PA (Partner Allowance)
- SL/SpB (Special Benefit)
- WA/WDA (Widow Allowance)
- CP/CAR/CD (Carer Payment)
- AGE
- DSP
- Carer Allowance entitlements (contact your school directly)



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Concession Card Information

Frequently Asked Question

How much is the discount?

A discount of 70% on tuition fees ordinarily applies to holders of eligible cards.

How to apply

Parents and carers can apply for the concession by completing the Health Care Card Tuition Fee Discount Scheme Form and providing a copy of their concession card. Electronic forms with attached photo or scanned copy of the card will be accepted via email. Alternatively the application can be submitted directly to the school office.

The fee discount will then be applied to tuition fees on future term invoices. For families with children at more than one Cairns Catholic school this process must be repeated for each school.

The discount arrangement will expire on the expiry date of the card.

Parents and carers receiving a discount have a duty to inform the school of any renewal or change in eligibility for the card.

What if a family is still not able to pay the discounted tuition fee and school levies?

Families in significant financial hardship are asked to make an appointment with the school Principal who will assess whether the family's financial circumstances meet the criteria for additional support. The process looks at family income, the number of dependents and the family's cost of housing (rental or mortgage). This process requires full disclosure and is treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.

What if a family without a means-tested concession card is having difficulty in paying fees?

Families without a means tested Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should speak with their school Principal or Parish Priest to apply for special consideration.

The same process as above will apply in determining an appropriate fee concession arrangement. No child will be denied enrolment due to financial difficulty.

Further information

For any further inquiries including instructions for assessing any Carer Allowance eligibility, please contact your school directly.