

Saint Mary's Catholic College

South Burnett



2017 Fees and Charges

	Prep – Year 6	Year 7 – Year 8	Year 9 – Year 10	Year 11 – Year 12
First Child				
Tuition Fees	\$980.00	\$1,950.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,120.00
ICT Levy	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Family P&F Levy	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
Family Capital Levy	\$565.00	\$565.00	\$565.00	\$565.00
Total	\$1,915.00	\$2,885.00	\$3,135.00	\$3,205.00

Second Child - Discount on Tuition Fees Only of 35%				
Tuition Fees	\$637.00	\$1,267.50	\$1,332.50	\$1,378.00
ICT Levy	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total	\$887.00	\$1,517.50	\$1,732.50	\$1,778.00

Third Child – Discount on Tuition Fees Only of 70%				
Tuition Fees	\$294.00	\$585.00	\$615.00	\$636.00
ICT Levy	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total	\$544.00	\$835.00	\$1,015.00	\$1,036.00

Four or More Children – Discount on Tuition Fees Only of 100%				
Tuition Fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ICT Levy	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00

General, Subject and Elective Subject Levies

	General Levy	Subject Levy	Elective Subject Levies (Years 9-12)			
			Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Prep – Year 2	\$320.00	N/A				
Year 3	\$420.00	N/A				
Year 4	\$500.00	N/A				
Year 5	\$500.00	N/A				
Year 6	\$640.00	N/A				
Year 7	\$620.00	\$370.00				
Year 8	\$670.00	\$380.00				
Year 9	\$620.00	\$185.00				
Year 10	\$320.00	\$260.00				
Year 11	\$670.00	\$160.00				
Year 12	\$670.00	\$170.00				
			Art	\$100.00	\$100.00	
			Visual Art			\$100.00
			Music	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
			Drama	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
			Dance	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
			Home Economics	\$50.00	\$50.00	
			Ancient / Modern History			\$100.00
			Biology			\$140.00
			Chemistry			\$100.00
			Physics			\$100.00
			Tech I (Wood/Robotics)	\$250.00	\$250.00	
			Tech II (Metal/Electronics)	\$250.00	\$250.00	
			Wood Furnishing			\$250.00
			Metal Fabrication			\$250.00
			Trade Skills			\$250.00
			Physical Education			\$100.00
			Graphics			\$25.00
			Study of Religion			\$100.00
			Hospitality	No charge – paid directly to TAFE		

Explanation of Tuition Fees and Levies

Capital Levy

This is compulsory levy charged per family. It is used to support the Capital Loan repayments and minor capital projects for land and buildings. This levy is **not** tax deductible.

P&F Levy

This levy is collected on behalf of the Saint Mary's Catholic College P&F Association. It is used to fund various projects around the school, improving facilities for students.

Tuition Fees

These fees are calculated based on recommendations of Brisbane Catholic Education. Included in this fee is an Archdiocesan Education levy. This fee is remitted centrally to Brisbane Catholic Education, which provides shared resources to all schools within the Archdiocese. This is a vital investment in the future of schooling with the Archdiocese. The balance of school fees are used to cover the everyday running/maintenance expenses of the College.

General & Subject Levies

The General Levy incorporates costs such as Camps, Excursions, Reflection Days, Sporting Carnivals, Arts Councils, Student Diaries, Class Consumable Workbooks, Reading & Maths Programs, etc. Subject Levies assist to cover the costs of specific subject areas. These costs vary depending on the nature of the subjects being taught. Subject Levies for Year levels 7 to 12 are listed next to the General Levy. However please note that some elective subjects will attract an additional levy and these are shown under the Elective Subject Levies heading and apply only to students in Year levels 9 to 12.

How to calculate your Family's Fees.

To calculate your family's fees you need to start with your eldest child. For example if you have 3 children in Year 12, 8 and Prep, you will need to add costs listed below:

Eldest Child Year 11 to Year 12 costs	\$3,205.00
Second Child Year 7 to Year 8 costs	\$1,517.50
Third Child Prep to Year 6 costs	\$544.00
General and Subject Levies Year 12	\$840.00
General and Subject Levies Year 8	\$1050.00
General and Subject Levies Year Prep	\$360.00
Yearly Total (excluding elective subject levies)	\$7,516.50
Per Term Total (excluding elective subject levies)	\$1,879.13

Depending on what elective subjects your child/ren has chosen, additional elective subject levies may be billed to your account. Not all elective subjects have levies attached.

If you have four or more children then levies only apply to the fourth child and/or to any additional children after the fourth. Tuition Fees are 100% discounted for these children.

The P&F and Capital Levies are a family based levy and are not applied per student but per family. In the incidences of split billing arrangements these family costs are shared, not charged twice.

Sibling Discounts for Linked Catholic Schools

Families who also have students at another Catholic school in the South Burnett will continue to receive a discount under the Sibling Discount Scheme. Below is a table setting out the fee discounts as they will apply at Saint Mary's for 2016. Eligible Schools are: St Patrick's Nanango and St Joseph's Murgon. Please note, this discount only applies to Tuition Fees. It does not apply to the Capital, P&F, ICT, General or Subject Levies.

Siblings in Other Catholic Schools				
None	One	Two	Three	Four
0%	5%	10%	20%	40%

Please advise the office if you are eligible for this discount. A notification form will need to be completed.

5% Early Payment Discount if Fees & Levies paid by 31st January 2017

An early payment discount of 5% on the Tuition Fees will be applied to the account if the full year's Fees and Levies are paid in advance at the commencement of the year. The payments need to be made and received by the College in 2016 or in 2017 before 31st January 2017. Please contact the Office for assistance with calculating your full year's account is needed. Please note Term 1 invoices may not be issued until after 31st January 2017 so please do not wait for the term invoice if interested in claiming the early payment discount.

Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP)

Parent contribution (to be charged to account) - this is the weekly family threshold amount. This is not your full weekly bus fares. For families travelling on College bus runs operated by Pursers Buses, the College pays the bus fares to the Bus Operator and then claims the NGSTS subsidy on your behalf. E.g. full family weekly fares are \$100. We pay Bus Operator \$100, claim \$67 from the NGSTS and charge the balance to your account, being the threshold amount of \$33.

2017 Threshold amounts

- Semester 1: \$33/family per week; Semester 2: \$25/family per week
- Concession Semester 1: \$25/family per week; Semester 2: \$20/family per week
(Parent holds a health care card, pensioner card, DVA card)

Payment Terms & Payment Options

School fees and levies are charged and emailed/mailed by the end of the first week of the new term and are due for payment by the end of the second week of the term. Payments can be made by any of the following options: Cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Direct Debit, BPAY, Centrelink deductions, Credit Cards and Bank Deposits are accepted. Preferred methods of payment are BPAY or Direct Debit.

Direct Debit

To spread the costs of your fees over the year, we offer a direct debit system, whereby an amount is deducted from your bank account. A similar arrangement can be done via Centrelink. Please ask the College office for more information.

Difficulty Paying

It is important to contact the College if you are unable to pay your fees by the due date. It has always been our policy to assist parents who may be experiencing any difficulties in meeting fee obligations. By contacting the Finance Secretary or Business Manager as early as possible, this allows us to come to an arrangement before circumstances become more difficult.

Collection Policy

The following guidelines are issued by Brisbane Catholic Education:

- * On expiry of the due date, a reminder notice is sent.
- * If suitable response is not received a reminder letter is sent out.
- * If there are no obvious extenuating circumstances, the Principal or designated person may warn the family that the collection process will begin.
- * If, after this no satisfactory arrangements have been reached and there appears to be no workable solution, then the account may be sent to a collection agency.

Should you have any further queries, on any aspect of fees or the fee process, please feel free to contact the Finance Secretary or Business Manager on 4160 0900.

Fee Concessions

No family should endure unreasonable financial hardship because of school fees. Any reduction in fees should be looked at in terms of:

- * Financial needs of the family
- * Responsibility to full fee paying parents
- * Efforts made in paying the fees

Fee Concessions are generally based on an income assessment and families applying are required to provide the College with proof of weekly income from wages, Centrelink and any other income sources that may apply. Concessions are only applied to Tuition Fees. Levies must be paid in full and a direct debit arrangement is put in place to cover the remaining parent component.

If you believe you may be eligible for a concession on School Fees, please contact the College office or visit our College website at www.saintmarys.qld.edu.au for an application form. An appointment with the Finance Secretary or Business Manager will be arranged once a completed application with all supporting documentation is received. Concessions are required to be applied for at the end of the College year for the following year. Only in special circumstances (eg. Family circumstances have changed) will mid-year concessions be considered so it is essential that if you need support you apply now for 2017.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop accepts payments of cash, cheque and credit card at the time of purchase. Families often enquire if uniforms can be charged to their account.

This option is only available by special request and will only be considered in circumstances where the family account is in credit due to overpayments or advance payments. Advance payments for which the yearly 5% discount has been given are not able to then be re-used for Uniform purchases.