SCHOOL FEES

Why School Fees are necessary?
Federal and State governments acknowledge the right of parents to choose the school which best suits their children's needs for educational, religious, cultural or other reasons.

However, in comparison with funds spent on children in government schools, government funds committed to non-government schools remain limited. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school.

2016 Tuition Fee Schedule
Tuition Fee Per Student

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<th>Students in Diocesan Schools</th>
<th>One</th>
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<td>Discount Percentage</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
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<td>PRIMARY - per week</td>
<td>29.00</td>
<td>25.38</td>
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<td>PRIMARY - per term</td>
<td>290.00</td>
<td>253.80</td>
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<td>145.00</td>
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<td>PRIMARY - per year</td>
<td><strong>1160.00</strong></td>
<td>1015.00</td>
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<td>LOWER SECOND - per week</td>
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<td>43.75</td>
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Funding Building Costs and School/College Infrastructure:
Families will appreciate that there is a substantial cost to the Diocese in maintaining and developing the existing school buildings. It is necessary to raise capital income to service related debt or to otherwise support capital works. A differential approach is in place to account for capital income as shown below.

**Diocesan Primary Schools – Building Levy**
Each family will be charged a building levy (Primary) of $85.00 per term ($340 per year) per family with normal school fee billings.

As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible.

**Diocesan Secondary Colleges – Building Levy**
Each family will be charged a building levy of $118.00 per term ($472.00 per year) in conjunction with normal school fee billings except where families have children attending Diocesan Catholic primary schools.

As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible.
**School-Based Levies:**
School-Based Levies are charges for curriculum resources, library books and printing levies. These levies are set by the School Board – to be no greater than 25% of the non-discounted tuition fees per student.

**Specific Purpose Charges:**
Additional charges may apply for specific purposes e.g. travel and accommodation related to school field trips and camps, excursions and transport to swimming pools etc. As well, some secondary subjects require additional charges for materials used, e.g. home economics, manual arts, etc. These costs are additional to school based levies.

**Parents & Friends Levies:**
Parents and Friends’ in consultation with their school community and Board may introduce a P&F levy in lieu of significant fund raising. Such a levy is voluntary and not included in the 25% as for General Levies.

**Technology Levy:**
Schools may charge a Technology Capital Levy of $95.00 per student up to a maximum of $190.00 per family. This levy would not be included as part of the 25% as in general levies.

In situations where a family has two or more children across Catholic Diocesan Primary and Secondary Schools, the priority for payment of the levy will be given to the Diocesan Primary School. The levy is to be used strictly for technology capital purposes at the school level.

**School Fee Assistance:**
If you require further assistance, the Diocesan policy states:

“*No students should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents to pay the prescribed fee - in whole or in part.*”

Total or partial exemption from the payment of fees is available on application to the Principal to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

**For further information:** Please do not hesitate to contact your Principal.
EARLY LEARNING AND CARE FEES

Early Learning and Care Services Fees include fee structures for the following type of facilities within the diocese:

- **OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**
- **KINDERGARTEN or PRE-PREP CENTRES; and**
- **LONG DAY CARE**;

**Outside Schools Hours Care:**
Fees are on a per session (attendance) basis with a range of fees to reflect the diversity of the centres across the Diocese. All services are to charge at least the minimum fee to maintain a degree of uniformity and equity. Each child will be charged a session fee plus an Administration Levy as follows:

- **Before School Hours Care**
  Fees: Minimum $15.50 per child – Maximum $17.50 per child;
- **After School Hours Care:**
  Fees: Minimum $20.50 per child – Maximum $22.50 per child;
- **Vacation Care:**
  Fees: Minimum $45.50 per child – Maximum $48.50 per child;


**Long Day Care:**
Fees are on a per day or weekly (attendance) basis. Each child will be charged a session fee plus an Administration Levy as follows:

- Daily Fee $86.00 per child; and
- Weekly Fee $370.00 per child;


**Kindergarten and Pre-Prep Centres:**
Fees are on a per day basis unless otherwise stated. Eligible Health Care Card holders receive a discounted per day rate. Each child will be charged a fee per day plus levies as follows:

- Daily Fee $32.00 per child;
- Kindy Plus Subsidy Subsidy applied based on locality;
- Building Levy $42.50 per term per Family;
- QCEC Levy $9.00 per year; and
  *Placement Fee Non-Refundable fee determined by the centre

*The Placement Fee is payable for each child upon acceptance of the position at the centre.