

2020 FEES AND LEVIES SCHEDULE

SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

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.

2020 Tuition Fee Schedule

Tuition Fee Per Student

Students in Catholic Schools	One	Two	Three	Four or More
Discount Percentage	0.0%	12.5%	35.0%	50%
Years Prep-6 - per week	\$32.00	\$28.00	\$20.80	\$16.00
Years Prep-6 - per term	\$320.00	\$280.00	\$208.00	\$160.00
Years Prep-6 - per year	\$1280.00	\$1120.00	\$832.00	\$640.00
Years 7-10 - per week	\$55.50	\$48.56	\$36.08	\$27.75
Years 7-10 - per term	\$555.00	\$485.60	\$360.80	\$277.50
Years 7-10 - per year	\$2220.00	\$1942.50	\$1443.00	\$1110.00
Year 11 - per week	\$68.50	\$59.94	\$44.53	\$34.25
Year 11 - per term	\$685.00	\$599.40	\$445.30	\$342.50
Year 11 - per year	\$2740.00	\$2397.50	\$1781.00	\$1370.00
Year 12 - per week (32 weeks)	\$85.60	\$74.92	\$55.66	\$42.81
Year 12 - per term (3 terms)	\$913.30	\$799.15	\$593.65	\$456.65
Year 12 - per year	\$2740.00	\$2397.50	\$1781.00	\$1370.00

N.B.: These instalment amounts are calculated based on compulsory charges only. Any additional and optional charges will be factored in to your instalment amount upon discussions with the school office.

Funding Building Costs and School/College Infrastructure:

Families will appreciate that there is a substantial cost to Catholic Education 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.

Catholic Primary Schools –Building Levy

Each family will be charged a building levy (Primary) of \$93.00 per term (\$372 per year) per family with normal school fee billings. As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible.



Catholic Colleges – Building Levy

Each family will be charged a building levy of \$128.00 per term (\$512.00 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. Food and Textiles Technology, Industrial Technology and Design etc. These costs are additional to School-Based Levies.

Parents & Friends Levy:

Parents and Friends' (P&F) in consultation with their school community and School Board may introduce a P&F levy in lieu of significant fund raising. The levy is not included in the 25% limit for General Levies.

Technology Capital Levy:

Schools may charge a Technology Capital Levy of \$100.00 per student up to a maximum of \$200.00 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 Primary Schools and Colleges, the priority for payment of the levy will be given to the Catholic 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, Catholic Education's 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."

Families may be eligible for school fee assistance under the ***Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount*** and/or the ***Principal's Concession Scheme***.

Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount

A 70% Tuition Fee Discount is available for 'means tested' government Health Care and Pensioner Concession cards. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply.

Principal's Concession Scheme

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

For further information:

Details are available from the school or by contacting your Principal.



EARLY LEARNING AND CARE FEES

Catholic Education's Early Learning and Care Services Fees include fee structures:

- *Outside School Hours Care; and*
- *Kindergartens*

Outside Schools Hours Care (applicable to programs with kindergarten-age children):

Fees are on a **per session (attendance) basis** with a range of fees to reflect the diversity of Catholic Schools that provide OHSC services. 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 as follows:

- **Before School Hours Care:** Minimum \$18.00 per child – Maximum \$20.00 per child
- **After School Hours Care:** Minimum \$22.50 per child – Maximum \$24.50 per child
- **Vacation Care:** Minimum \$50.50 per child – Maximum \$57.00 per child

Individual centre fees will be published on the Child Care Finder website

<https://www.childcarefinder.gov.au/>

Kindergartens:

Fees are calculated based on the Queensland Government's Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) Requirements. Our Approved Kindergarten programs are completely self-funded and rely on parent fees, fundraising and a contribution from the Queensland Government, only. Under this scheme, our kindergartens are unable to access funding from other sources.

The following information outlines Catholic Education's kindergarten fees according to session type:

FEE		Monday, Tuesday, alternate Wednesday	Thursday, Friday, alternate Wednesday
Term Fees	Term One (10 weeks)	\$862.50	\$862.50
	Term Two (10 weeks)	\$862.50	\$862.50
	Term Three (10 weeks)	\$862.50	\$862.50
	Term Four (9 weeks)	\$793.50	\$759.00
Daily Fee * Kindergarten-age child		\$34.50	\$34.50
**Daily Fee - additional days (kindy age) or children not of eligible kindergarten-age		\$43.50	\$43.50
Extended Day Fee per day – In addition to the Approved Kindergarten Program Fee		\$12.00	\$12.00



The following levies or fees are included on Parent Fee Statements:

- **Building Levy:** \$45.00 **per term** per kindergarten family
- **QCEC Levy:** \$13.00 **per year**
- **Activities Levy:** \$20.00 **per term** (reimbursed if not expended throughout the year)
- **Enrolment Fee:** \$100.00 on acceptance of offer of placement (non-refundable)

Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) Plus Kindy Support Subsidies:

Eligible families of kindergarten-age children:

- who hold recognised concession cards,
- who have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year,
- where the child identifies as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and the family chooses to identify them as such on their enrolment form,

will receive reduced out-of-pocket expenses on kindergarten fees. Provided the child/family meets the eligibility requirements for the QKFS Plus Kindy Support subsidy, at any point during the term, they are entitled to funding for the full term.

*Kindergarten-age is the year before a child commences their preparatory year at school i.e. children who are at least four years old by 30 June in the year they participate (minimum of 600 hours per year to be eligible – equates to five days per fortnight or four days per fortnight extended program hours). Our kindergartens offer extended hours, beyond the required 600 hours, to ensure all pupil free days are covered throughout the year.

**QKFS, as outlined by the Queensland Government, only provides fee support to Approved Kindergarten Centres for kindergarten-age children. Children who attend additional days or children who are not of the eligible kindergarten-age are subsidised by the kindergarten. Families contribute less than 1/3 of the loss of funding from the QKFS funding with the centre covering the remaining 2/3 of the loss.

Socio-economic Index funding (SEIFA - if applicable for this centre) will be provided to support kindergarten fees for children in the kindergarten-age cohort (this subsidy is not available for younger children or children who are kindergarten-age and attend additional days to the prescribed 600 hours per year). Hence, fees are reduced for kindergarten-age children who enrol in the designated five-day per fortnight or extended two day per fortnight program.

Individual centre fees will be published on their respective website:

<https://www.rok.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/kindergarten/>.