

2021

SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE

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.

TUITION FEE PER STUDENT

Students in Diocesan Schools	One	Two	Three	Four
<i>Discount Percentage</i>	0%	12.5%	35%	50%
PRIMARY - per week (40wks)	\$33.00	\$28.88	\$21.45	\$16.50
PRIMARY - per term	\$330.00	\$288.88	\$214.50	\$165.00
PRIMARY - per year	\$1320.00	\$1155.00	\$858.00	\$660.00

SUMMARY OF LEVIES CHARGED BY ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

	<i>Number of Children Attending St Joseph's Park Avenue</i>		
	1	2	3 or more
<i>CLASSROOM RESOURCE LEVY</i>	\$200 per year (\$50 per term)	\$400 per year (\$100 per term)	\$600 per year (\$150 per term)
<i>TECHNOLOGY LEVY</i>	\$100 per year (\$25.00 per term)	\$200 per year (\$50.00 per term)	\$200 per year (\$50.00 per term)
<i>BUILDING LEVY</i>	\$384 per year (\$96 per term)	\$384 per year (\$96 per term)	\$384 per year (\$96 per term)
<i>P & F LEVY</i>	\$140 per year (\$35 per term)	\$140 per year (\$35 per term)	\$140 per year (\$35 per term)

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

Families will be charged a **Building Levy (Primary) \$96 per term (\$384 per year) per family** with normal school fee billing.

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

School-Based Levies

Classroom / General purpose Levy

This charge relates to the provision of curriculum resources, library books and printing etc.

\$200 per student per year, up to a maximum of \$600 per family.

These levies are set by the School Board – to be no greater than 25% of the non-discounted tuition fees per student.

Technology Levy:

A Technology Levy of **\$100 per student per year, up to a maximum of \$200 per family** can be charged by schools. This levy is not 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.

Specific Purpose Charges:

Additional charges may apply for specific purposes e.g. excursions and transport for sport participation, hire of swimming pools, arts council visits, life education van, eisteddfod expenses etc. These costs are in addition to school based levies.

Parents & Friends Levy:

Parents and Friends' in consultation with their school and Board can charge a P & F levy in lieu of significant fund raising.

\$140 per year (\$35 per term) is included on each school fee account. This levy is voluntary and not included in the 25% as for General Levies.

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.”

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” gov't Health Care & 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 & levies is available on application to the Principal to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

For further information: Contact St Joseph's Park Avenue School on 4994 8205
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