

# TUITION FEES AND LEVIES SCHEDULE

## SCHOOL TUITION FEES AND LEVIES

### The purpose of School Fees

Catholic schools are open to all who seek and support the values espoused by the school. The provision of Catholic schooling is made possible through parental payment of school fees and levies combined with funding support provided by Federal and State governments. The funding support recognises the rights of parents to exercise choice in their education providers. The continuing provision of quality Catholic Education for all students in the Diocese requires that all enrolling parents/caregivers pay school fees and levies as and when they fall due.

## 2024 Tuition Fee Schedule per student

STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	One	Two	Three	Four or More
<b>DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>35.0%</b>	<b>50%</b>
PRIMARY - PER WEEK	37.63	32.92	24.46	18.82
PRIMARY - PER TERM	376.30	329.24	244.65	188.15
PRIMARY - PER YEAR	<b>1,505.20</b>	1,317.05	978.38	752.60
LOWER SECONDARY - PER WEEK	65.19	57.04	42.38	32.60
LOWER SECONDARY - PER TERM	651.90	570.39	423.79	325.95
LOWER SECONDARY - PER YEAR	<b>2,607.60</b>	2,281.65	1,694.94	1,303.80
UPPER SECONDARY - PER WEEK	80.56	70.49	52.36	40.28
UPPER SECONDARY - PER TERM	805.60	704.90	523.64	402.80
UPPER SECONDARY - PER YEAR	<b>3,222.40</b>	2,819.60	2,094.56	1,611.20

### School Building Fund

Meeting the needs of students seeking a Catholic education requires significant capital works through building new schools/facilities, refurbishment, and maintenance. Capital works are supplemented through Building Levies charged to families through normal school fee billing processes.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE BUILDING FUND	Per Family
PRIMARY - PER TERM	113.40
PRIMARY - PER YEAR	453.60
SECONDARY - PER TERM	153.90
SECONDARY - PER YEAR	615.60

Where families attend a Diocesan Catholic primary school, the fee is charged once and collected by the Primary school. No tax deduction is possible, as this fee forms a collectable part of school fees.



## **School/College based Levies**

School-Based Levies are charges for curriculum resources, library resources and student learning materials. These levies are set by the School Board.

## **Specific Purpose Charges**

Additional charges may apply for specific purposes, for example, travel and accommodation related to school field trips and camps, excursions, and transport to extracurricular activities. Some secondary subjects require additional charges for materials used, for example, technology, food and nutrition manual arts, etc. These costs are additional to School-Based Levies.

## **Parents & Friends Levy**

Parents and Friends' Association (P&F) in consultation with their school community and School Board may introduce a P&F levy in lieu of significant fundraising.

## **Technology Capital Levy**

Schools may charge a Technology Capital Levy of \$130.00 per student up to a maximum of \$260.00 per family. Where a family has two or more children across Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools, 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.

## **Colleges - Discount to Fees and Levies paid within prescribed timeframes**

**ANNUAL PAYMENT DISCOUNT:** A discount of 2.5% is available where the annual fees and levies charge is paid in full and received at the college within 30 days of the Term 1 statement issue date.

**PAYMENT PLAN DISCOUNT:** A discount of 1.5% is available where:

1. an approved regular payment schedule has been established with the initial payment received at the college within 30 days of the Term 1 statement issue date AND
2. the periodic payments under the payment schedule are maintained AND
3. the total annual fees and levies charge is paid in full and received at the college by Term 4 Week 4, as per the approved payment schedule.

## **School Fee Assistance**

CEDR schools offer fee concessions and payment options to support families and reduce the financial burden where financial hardship is experienced. Parents/Caregivers are responsible for advising the Principal of expected or known hardship circumstances to enable appropriate fee concessions to be established/adjusted. 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 (HCC) and Pensioner concession cards. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply (eg. HCC Eligibility guide).

### **Principal's Concession Scheme**

Total or partial exemption from the payment of fees and levies is available for families experiencing hardship, who provide appropriate supporting evidence. Application is made directly to the principal to ensure confidentiality is maintained.

## EARLY LEARNING AND CARE FEES

Early Learning and Care Services includes Outside School Hours Care Services (OSHCs) and Kindergarten Services.

### Outside Schools Hours Care (Primary Schools)

Fees are charged on a per session (bookings) basis and have historically reflected a range of fees across centres operated by CEDR. CEDR is transitioning to a consistent fee arrangement across all services in 2025, with 2024 fees reflecting the necessary increment at each centre, to achieve the standardised fees per session across all services in 2025. Each child will be charged a per session fee in 2025 as follows:

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE FEES	2023 Minimum Fee	2023 Maximum Fee	2024 Fee	2025 Fee
BEFORE SCHOOL HOURS CARE	19.00	21.00	Transition from 2023 variable fees to 2025 fee structure	23.00
AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE	25.00	27.00		30.00
VACATION CARE	54.00	61.00		63.00

Casual bookings may incur an additional surcharge, as advertised by the individual service.  
Individual service fees will be published at <https://www.startingblocks.gov.au/> and at the service.

### Catholic Kindergartens

2024 CEDR Kindergarten fees will be determined once details are provided by Government regarding the 2024 Free Kindergarten initiative.