

**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 students 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.

## 2017 Tuition Fee Schedule

### Tuition Fee Per Student

Students in Diocesan 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	29.75	26.03	19.34	14.88
PRIMARY - per term	297.50	260.30	193.40	148.80
PRIMARY - per year	<b>1190.00</b>	1041.30	773.50	595.00
LOWER SECOND-per week	51.50	45.06	33.48	25.75
LOWER SECOND-per term	515.00	450.60	334.80	257.50
LOWER SECOND-per year	<b>2060.00</b>	1802.50	1339.00	1030.00
UPPER SECOND-per week	63.25	55.35	41.11	31.63
UPPER SECOND-per term	632.50	553.50	411.10	316.30
UPPER SECOND-per year	<b>2530.00</b>	2213.80	1644.50	1265.00

### **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:

Our Catholic Education policy on school fees states that, *no student should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents/carers/guardians to pay the prescribed fees.*

Families with more than one child in the same or other primary or secondary Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton, receive fee discounts as described in the 2017 Tuition Fee Schedule above.

From Term One 2017 a Concession Card Discount will be introduced to further support families in our schools. Parents/carers with an eligible means-tested Australian government health care or pensioner concession card will automatically receive a 70% discount on tuition fees. See **Fee Discounts** and **Concession Card Discount FAQs** for further information.

Furthermore, new or existing parents, who are experiencing financial hardship, and may or may not hold a concession card, are encouraged to discuss alternate fee discounts directly with their school principal, who will treat the situation confidentially.

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

### EARLY LEARNING AND CARE FEES

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

- *OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE*
- *KINDERGARTEN*
- *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 as follows:

- **Before School Hours Care:**  
Minimum \$17.00 per child – Maximum \$19.00 per child
- **After School Hours Care:**  
Minimum \$21.50 per child – Maximum \$23.50 per child
- **Vacation Care:**  
Minimum \$48.00 per child – Maximum \$54.00 per child

Individual centre fees will be published on the MyChild Website:  
<http://ifp.mychild.gov.au/mvc/Search/Advanced> .



### KINDERGARTEN CENTRES

Fees are on a **per day basis** unless otherwise stated. Eligible Concession Card holders and those children who identify as an Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or South Sea Islander person receive a discounted per day rate. Each child will be charged a fee per day plus levies as follows:

Daily Fee:	\$33.00 per child
Kindy Plus Subsidy:	Subsidy applied based on locality
Building Levy:	\$43.00 per term per family
QCEC Levy:	\$9.00 per year
*Enrolment Fee	Non-Refundable fee determined by the centre

\*The Non-refundable Enrolment Fee is payable for each child upon acceptance of the position at the centre.

Individual centre fees will be published on their respective websites:  
[www.rok.catholic.edu.au/early\\_learning](http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au/early_learning).

### LONG DAY CARE

Fees are on a **per day (attendance) basis**. Each child will be charged a session fee plus a Resource Levy as follows:

Daily Fee:	Birth to 24 months age group:	\$100.50 per child
	Older than 24 months age group:	\$90.50 per child
Resource Levy:	\$2.00 (weekly)	

Centre fees will be published on the MyChild Website:  
<http://ifp.mychild.gov.au/mvc/Search/Advanced>.