2017 School Fee Schedule

**Tuition Fees**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Students in Diocesan Schools Discount %</th>
<th>One 0%</th>
<th>Two 12.5%</th>
<th>Three 35%</th>
<th>Four or more 50%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Primary – per week</td>
<td>$29.75</td>
<td>$26.03</td>
<td>$19.34</td>
<td>$14.88</td>
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<td>Primary – per term</td>
<td>$297.50</td>
<td>$260.30</td>
<td>$193.40</td>
<td>$148.80</td>
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<td>Primary – per year</td>
<td>$1190.00</td>
<td>$1041.30</td>
<td>$773.50</td>
<td>$595.00</td>
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***A Diocese of Rockhampton Discount Claim Form will need to be completed each year to make sure you receive the correct discount to include children you have at other Diocesan Schools - please contact the office if you have not received this form***

**School Based/Consumable Levies**

School based Levies are charges for curriculum resources, library books, printing levies, electricity for air conditioners.

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<th>No of Students at St Benedict’s</th>
<th>One 0%</th>
<th>Two 10%</th>
<th>Three 20%</th>
<th>Four 40%</th>
<th>Five 50%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Per week</td>
<td>$7.40</td>
<td>$6.66</td>
<td>$5.92</td>
<td>$4.44</td>
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<td>Per term</td>
<td>$74.00</td>
<td>$66.60</td>
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**School Building Levy**

- $340.00 ($85.00 per term) per family - as this amount now forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible

**Technology Levy**

- $95.00 ($23.75 per term) per student – Maximum of $190.00 ($47.50 per term) per family per year

**P&F Levy**

- $20 per family per term

**Enrolment Deposit**

A $25 enrolment deposit fee is to be paid by all new families on application. On successful enrolment this fee will be transferred to the first account. Unsuccessful enrolments will be refunded. Withdrawn enrolments may be refunded at the discretion of the Principal.

*** Payments will be accepted by Cash, Cheque, MasterCard/Visa or Eftpos at the office. Please contact Lyn at the office if you would like to set up a Direct Debit or Direct Deposit arrangement ***
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.

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.

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.