

2024 TUITION FEE & LEVIES SCHEDULE

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.

School fees are comprised of two components: **Diocesan Education Costs and School Costs.**

- **Diocesan Costs include:** Tuition Fees, Building Fund Levies and Technology levies. These costs are determined by the Diocese of Rockhampton and are the same at all schools within the Diocese.
- **School Costs include:** School-Based Levies (Materials & Consumables Levy, Grounds & Maintenance Levy), P&F Levy and any other Specific Purpose Charges.

2024 SCHOOL FEES PER TERM:

	ONE CHILD	TWO CHILDREN	THREE CHILDREN	FOUR CHILDREN
TUITION FEES	\$376.30	\$658.48	\$733.95	\$752.60
SCHOOL & DIOCESAN LEVIES				
Materials & Consumables	\$ 48.00	\$ 96.00	\$144.00	\$192.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$ 46.00	\$ 92.00	\$138.00	\$184.00
Technology Levy	\$ 32.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Building Fund Levy	\$ 113.40	\$ 113.40	\$ 113.40	\$ 113.40
P & F Levy	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Administration Fee <i>(deductible if account paid in full by term due date)</i>	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
TOTAL COST PER TERM <i>(excluding Specific Purpose Charges & any extra incidental costs)</i>	\$656.20	\$1064.88	\$1234.35	\$1347.00

DIOCESAN EDUCATION COSTS

TUITION FEES

Tuition Fees are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton and are the same at all Catholic schools across the Diocese. Families with more than one child in a Primary or Secondary Catholic school in the Diocese of Rockhampton receive the following discounts on the tuition fee component of school fees:

Two children – 12.5%

Three children – 35%

Four or more children – 50%

DIOCESAN SCHOOL BUILDING FUND LEVY

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. Where families have children attending both Primary and Secondary Diocesan Schools, the levy will **only** be charged at the Primary level.

No tax deduction is possible for the School Building Fund, as this fee forms a collectable part of school fees.

2024 Primary School Building Levy: \$113.40 per family per term (\$453.60 per family per year)

TECHNOLOGY LEVY

The Technology Levy represents a contribution towards the costs of capital purchases of technology hardware and software.

2024 Technology Levy: \$130 per year (one student), up to a maximum of \$260 per family per year

SCHOOL COSTS

MATERIALS & CONSUMABLES LEVY

The Materials & Consumables Levy operates on a **per student** basis and is charged each term. It represents a partial contribution to the costs of the day-to-day consumables and materials used by students.

2024 Materials & Consumables Levy: \$48.00 **per student** per term (\$192 **per student** per year)

GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE LEVY

The Grounds & Maintenance Levy operates on a **per student** basis and is charged each term. It represents a contribution toward the costs associated with maintaining our school grounds and facilities.

2024 Grounds & Maintenance Levy: \$46.00 **per student** per term (\$184 **per student** per year)

P & F RESOURCE LEVY

The Parents & Friends' Association (P&F), in consultation with the School Board, have introduced a P&F levy in lieu of significant fundraising. The levy is charged on a **per family** basis each term.

2024 P & F Resource Levy: \$30.00 **per family** per term (\$120 **per family** per year)

ADMINISTRATION FEE

An Administration Fee of \$10.00 **per family** per term is charged on school fee accounts and will be deducted if your account is paid quarterly on or before the due date in **one** single payment.

SPECIFIC PURPOSE CHARGES

Additional charges may apply for specific purposes (Eg. booklist items, excursions, Dance Fever, Life Education, Arts Council performances, transport to swimming pools etc). Where costs are known, these charges will be added to the relevant term's school fee account.

2024 Specific Purpose Charges (*accurate as at time of printing*):

Term 1

Prep Scrapbooks (2 per booklist)	\$11.30
Year 1 Scrapbooks (3 per booklist)	\$16.95
Year 2 Scrapbooks (2 per booklist)	\$11.30
Year 1 Handwriting Book	\$10.00
Maths Online (Years 3-6)	\$24.00
Resilience Journal (All year levels)	\$20.00
1:1 Device Levy (Years 4-5)	\$50.00

Term 2

Life Education (All year levels)	\$11.00
1:1 Device Levy (Years 4-5)	\$50.00

Term 3

DanceFever (All year levels)	\$37.00
1:1 Device Levy (Years 4-5)	\$50.00

Term 4

1:1 Device Levy (Years 4-5)	\$50.00
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SCHOOL FEE ASSISTANCE

Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton 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 or 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 and Pensioner concession cards. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply. The discount applies to the tuition fee component of school fees only; it does not apply to the Diocesan levies or school levies component of fees. Please contact the school office if you have a concession card to confirm eligibility.

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.

PAYMENT OF FEES:

1. School fee invoices are issued **each term**, usually by the end of Week 2 each term, and are due for payment 14 days thereafter.
2. Payments can be made at the school office via cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card.
3. You may also choose to pay by instalments (weekly, fortnightly, monthly) via two different methods:
 - a. **Direct Debit** through the Diocesan Development Fund – Direct Debit Request forms are available from the school office.
 - b. **Internet payments** direct into the school bank account - You establish an electronic transfer (direct deposit) from your own bank account into the school bank account, using the following details:
MacKillop Catholic School
BSB: 034-210
Account Number: 103767
Reference: Your 6-digit Parent Code eg. 123456 (*see top right-hand corner of invoice*)
 - c. **Centrepay** - A free bill paying service which can be used to arrange regular deductions from your Centrelink payment – Quote school reference number: **555-114-140-X**
4. Fees remain payable in full during any period of absence unless agreed to in writing by the Principal.
5. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to contact the Principal/Finance Office in a timely manner, with regards to outstanding school fees to discuss alternative arrangements, especially where circumstances arise where the account cannot be settled by the due date.
6. Families who fall behind with fee payments, and who fail to contact the Principal/Finance Office, will receive follow-up correspondence/telephone calls regarding their debt status.
7. Debt collection action by the Diocesan Debt Collection Agency is taken on outstanding debts over which no contact is made with the Principal/Finance Office or on broken payment agreements, including dishonoured Direct Debits. Debt collection fees may be added to the outstanding amount.

SCHOOL FEE QUERIES

Please do not hesitate to contact the school Finance Office – email mnm_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au or telephone 4994 8260 - if you have any further questions regarding school fee related matters.