

Dear Parents,

2026 Annual Tuition Fee

I am writing to provide you with details regarding changes to tuition fees for the 2026 academic year. School fees are set in consultation with our Business Manager and guided by MACS financial requirements and modelling across all Catholic schools.

Any decision to adjust tuition fees is made with great care. We consider the needs of our students, our commitment to providing a high-quality education, and the financial pressures families may be experiencing. At the same time, Sacred Heart is facing increased operational costs in several key areas, including WorkCover premiums, Child Safety compliance, risk management, teacher resources and professional learning, as well as higher central system costs (Levies MACS).

Our tuition fees are significantly shaped by State and Federal funding, including the Commonwealth Department of Education's annual assessment of our community's Capacity to Contribute (CTC). School funding is complex, and our Direct Measure of Income (DMI) has risen again in 2025 by two points, which greatly impacts the level of funding we receive and further informs our tuition fee structure.

To ensure we can continue delivering personalised, high-quality learning that supports the academic, social and emotional growth of every student, it is necessary to adjust our fees in 2026.

As a result, Sacred Heart's annual tuition fee will increase by \$200 per child, approximately \$5 per week based on 2025 fees.

School Fees			Levies		
Family School Fees	Family Fee	Capital Fee	Curriculum	Camp	Technology
1 child	\$3,350	\$850			
2 children	\$4,125	\$850			
3 children	\$4,900	\$850			
Prep			\$600		\$60
Year 1			\$550		\$90
Year 2			\$550		\$90
Year 3			\$550	\$365	\$130
Year 4			\$550	\$525	\$130
Year 5			\$550	\$585	\$160
Year 6			\$585	\$1,100	\$160

**** Camp amounts are estimates and will be confirmed prior to the event**

The following additional levies* will be communicated in separate letters:

- **Swimming Program** (Years 1–6): To be confirmed, pending State Government grant allocation (estimated \$100)
- **Dance Program** (Prep–Year 4): \$40 TBC
- **Public Speaking** (Year 5): \$25 TBC

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your individual circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me. We remain committed to keeping tuition fees as affordable as possible and to supporting families through this transition.

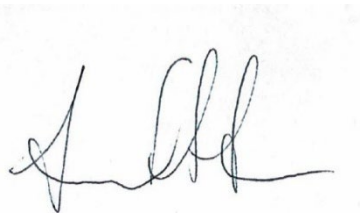
Fee Statements

All families will receive their annual school fee account at the beginning of Term 1. Statements will also be issued in week 2 of each Term. Family School Fees, Capital Fees, and Curriculum and Technology Levies are charged for the full year on the first statement. Follow-up statements will be issued at the beginning of Terms 2, 3, and 4, showing the current balance.

Additional charges for non-tuition activities (such as Camps and Swimming) will be billed prior to the activity commencing, with notification provided via the nForma Portal.

Thank you for your understanding and for your ongoing trust and support as we work within MACS fee requirements.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Collis', written on a light-colored background.

Simon Collis

Principal

2026 SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Sacred Heart offers several payment options to help families meet their school fee obligations

Option 1	Full Fee Payment
Payment can be made in full by <u>Friday 20th March</u>	

Option 2	Payment by Quarterly Instalments
Instalments can be paid via EFTPOS or credit card at the school office any time between 8.45am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday on school days. You can also phone through credit card payments if preferred.	
Instalment One	Friday 13 th February
Instalment Two	Friday 1 st May
Instalment Three	Friday 24 th July
Instalment Four	Friday 16 th October

Option 3	Direct Debit	
Families are welcome to set up a recurring payment via their own banking facility. Please follow the guideline below to calculate your payment. Alternatively, Direct debit facilities can be set up for families to pay in weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments via our banking institution, Catholic Development Fund. Families are required to complete the direct debit form (attachment on eForm) to nominate a bank account and return it to the school by the end of the 2025 school year. If this option is preferred for payments for the 2026 school year, payments need to start from Friday 13 th February 2026.		
SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS: SACRED HEART SANDRINGHAM GENERAL ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 ACC: 646750863 USE FAMILY NAME AND ELDEST CHILD’S CLASS AS REFERENCE		
Direct Debit Option	Number of Payments	Cost
Weekly	34 (Starting Friday 13 th Feb)	Divide total fees and levies by 34
Fortnightly	17 (Starting Friday 13 th Feb)	Divide total fees and levies by 17
Monthly	8 (Starting Friday 13 th Feb)	Divide total fees and levies by 8