



# Mater Dei Catholic College

## Live God's Message

### Fee Information - 2025

As part of a system of 29 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, the fees at all schools are reviewed and updated annually before the start of the new school year. Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga (CEDWW) sets school fees and has prepared the following information for families.

Throughout this process, we take time to consider factors like the sustainability of our school, the economy, and the needs of the community. We understand that setting school fees is a big decision, and our ultimate aim is to keep fees fair while supporting our school's growth, investing in our staff and maintaining a high-quality Catholic education for your children.

For Catholic schools, the need to charge tuition fees and levies arises from the level of funding that is provided by governments for students in non-government schools. Your fees and levies enable us to bridge the gap between the school's operating costs and any Government funding we receive, hire excellent teachers and staff, maintain our facilities and provide the resources needed for a strong learning and spiritual environment. Moving forward the gap between the funding received from the Government and the cost to run our schools is forecast to widen.

Costs to operate our school, such as insurance, electricity, repairs and maintenance, have seen significant increases. In addition, staff wages, which are the largest expenditure for our school, account for up to 80% of our total budget. In recognition of the outstanding contribution our teachers make to the education of our children, in 2023, an average increase of over 8% was awarded to our teachers.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of Mater Dei Catholic College and maintain our commitment to high-quality education, we have determined that school fees will be the following for 2025.

- Years 7 and 8: \$5,665.00 per annum
- Years 9 and 10: \$5,770.00 per annum
- Years 11 and 12: \$5,885.00 per annum

Further to College Tuition Fees, the College charges a consumables levy for the following subjects:

- Agriculture
- Design and Technology
- Food Technology
- Industrial Technology - Metal
- Industrial Technology - Timber
- Photography and Digital Media
- Technology Mandatory
- VET Business Services
- VET Construction Pathways
- VET Manufacturing and Engineering
- Visual Art

A senior student undertaking a TVET Course (at TAFE) will be levied \$500.00 per year to off-set the considerable costs of TAFE courses.

Family Discounts for children attending a school in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga are:

1 Child	Full fee
2 Children	20% off the second student's fee
3 Children	50% off the third student's fee
4 + Children	90% off each subsequent student's fee

### **Building Levy**

The Building Levy of \$100.00, is charged per student. Our College utilises this levy to undertake capital works and ensure that we can continue to reinvest in our facilities and maintain our school to a high standard.

### **Resource Fee**

The resource fee of \$300.00 is billed per student. It covers a range of costs, including the supply of goods and services, such as textbooks, exercise books, technology, or resources needed for particular Key Learning Areas. Please note that where appropriate, incursion/excursion activities, such as camps, will be billed separately.

### **Mount Erin Boarding School**

Mount Erin Boarding School has determined that Weekday Boarding fees for 2025 will start at \$17,682.00 per annum. If families should choose to use arranged transportation to and from the Boarding School there will be an additional cost.

We understand many families within our community are experiencing financial pressures. Mater Dei Catholic College endeavours to offer an affordable Catholic education of the highest quality, and there is a deeply held commitment at all levels (Diocese, system, parish and school) that no family should be denied a Catholic education due to a genuine incapacity to pay all, or part of, their children's school fees.

If you require support or have concerns about your capacity to contribute, please contact the Finance Manager at the College initially, to arrange a confidential meeting to discuss your situation and the options available.

We're grateful for your partnership with us and look forward to working with you to provide your child with the very best education possible.