



Schedule of Fees 2025

A faith community, learning together, spreading the Good News of Jesus through positive relationships, trust and love.

6th of December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone in our school community works tirelessly together to ensure all Learners at St Mary's, get the best possible opportunities in their education. Part of this is making sure the school has the resources to meet our student's needs. We all have a responsibility and a role to play in ensuring the ongoing management of the school's resources and it is for this reason that I write to you today.

Catholic schools operate on approximately 80% of the funding of what the state schools receive from the Government. Even with fewer resources from State and Federal Governments, the Catholic system is amongst the best in the world. Through school fees parents help to reduce the gap from 20% to around 10%. Even though it may not seem like much individually, when all families contribute to the financial needs of the school via fees it makes a huge difference to the opportunities children at St Mary's can receive.

Please take your time to view our fee structure and plan how you can meet this in a way that suits you and your families other commitments.

If you hold a Health Care / Pensioner concession card, you are eligible to access CSEF assistance, which contributes to your child's camps, sports, and excursions. This allowance is paid directly to the school and deducted from your fees. A form to apply for CSEF is attached. Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL) is further supporting families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC), as you are also eligible for a significant reduction in school fees, including all fees and levies. A copy of your valid HCC must be provided to the school along with the completion and commitment to a direct debit, and the fee relief will be automatically applied. Centrepay is also another supportive option, as fees are paid directly to the school from payments received from Family Tax A and B. If this option interests you, please request a form from the school office.

St. Mary's and CES Sandhurst Ltd expected payment of fees as of 2025 is Direct Debit. The school directly debits a specified amount from your bank account on a Friday and can be set up for weekly, fortnightly, monthly on the 19th, quarterly or annual installments. A direct debiting authorisation form has been attached. Any alternate payment method must be discussed and approved by the Principal.

It is the school's belief that no child will be denied an opportunity to attend St Mary's Echuca due to financial hardship. As Principal of St Mary's I am always available to meet parents to discuss any hardships around paying school fees. There is an opportunity to apply for financial assistance from the school to help alleviate any issues around school fees if the need occurs. Our school fee policy and procedures have also been included for your understanding and future budgeting. This policy can be found on St Mary's website and on our parent management platform if you need to refer to it at any time.

On accepting and committing to enrolment within St Mary's, Catholic Education Sandhurst Pty Ltd, parents / carers agree to paying fees. In respecting the dignity of all in our community it is expected that all families make the best effort to contribute to school fees.

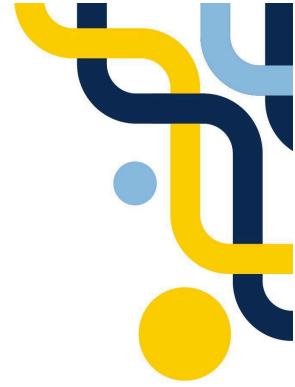
Attached is St Mary's school fee and levy structure for 2025 - as a reference. Schools in Catholic Education are advised to increase fees annually in accordance with the Educational Consumer Price Index. Our school fees and levies ensure St Mary's can cover daily running costs as well as educational resources for our Learners.

If you have any queries pertaining to fees, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jasmine Ryan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jasmine Ryan



School Fees & Levies 2025

Fees/Levies	1 Child	2 Children	3+ Children
Family School Fee	\$1420	\$1720	\$1980
Learning Levy (per child)	\$515	\$1030	\$1545
Learning Experiences (per child)	\$155	\$310	\$465
ICT Levy	\$75	\$150	\$225
Capital & Maintenance Levy	\$250 one payment per family		
TOTAL	\$2415	\$3460	\$4465
Per Week (40 wks)	\$61	\$87	\$112
Per Term	\$603.75	\$865	\$1116.25

Students in Years 3 - 6 attend camp, please add this to your fee total if you have a child in Year 3 - 6.

Camp Fees	1 Child
Year Three (1 day)	\$100
Year Four (1 day / 1 overnight)	\$250
Year Five (3 day / 2 overnight)	\$350
Year Six (4 day / 3 overnight)	\$400

Fees / Levy Descriptions

Family School Fee	The Family School fee is a <i>one off family fee</i> that contributes to the daily operational costs of the school Eg: insurance, utilities. This is paid once per family regardless of the number of children who attend.
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Learning Levy	The Learning Levy covers costs for classroom and stationery supplies, specialists curriculum resources and activities.
Learning Experience Levy	The Learning Experience Levy covers all extracurricular learning experiences such as; excursions, incursions and sporting commitments.
ICT Levy	The ICT Levy contributes to the leasing of devices, subscriptions and multimedia resources and facilities that are used to engage and enhance learning and teaching throughout the school.
Capital / Maintenance Levy	The Capital / Maintenance Levy covers regular school yard and building maintenance and improvement. It covers the care of the grounds and basic upkeep of buildings and facilities.

Direct Debit is our preferred method of payment. You can choose to pay weekly/fortnightly/monthly/quarterly/annually. Direct Debit Forms are available to print via Compass or collect from the office.

2025 Direct Debit Processing Dates

Weekly	Starting Friday 7th of February
Fortnightly	Starting Friday 7th of February
Monthly	Friday 17th of February Monday 17th of March Thursday 17th of April Friday 16th of May Tuesday 17th of June Thursday 17th of July Friday 15th of August Wednesday 17th of September Friday 17th of October Monday 17th of November
Quarterly	Friday 21st of February Friday 23rd of May Friday 22nd of August Friday 21st of November
Annually	Wednesday 19th of March