



FEES AND LEVIES – 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I write on behalf of Sacred Heart Parish Primary School to advise you of the Fee and Levy structure for the 2023 school year, which have been determined in consultation with the School Advisory Council and MACS Business Manager.

As you know, Commonwealth and State Government grants do not cover the whole cost of running Catholic schools. Each year, we rely on a local contribution from parents to help cover the education costs for each student which is achieved through the setting and collection of school fees and levies.

Unfortunately, school expenses continue to rise (e.g. bus hire, excursions, utilities & sporting activities), including our Capacity to Contribute (CtC), which is the measure used by the Commonwealth Government to determine the amount that families are expected to be contributing towards their child's education.

The introduction of a tiered family fee system in 2023 and modest rise in levies addresses the gap between the actual and expected CtC and will ensure we can continue to offer the quality programs and educational experiences to enrich our students.

	Family Fee	Capital	Curriculum	I.T
PER FAMILY FEES:				
Family Fee - 1 Child	\$2,835	\$800		
Family Fee - 2 Children	\$3,335	\$800		
Family Fee - 3+ Children	\$3,835	\$800		
PER STUDENT FEES:				
Prep			\$570	\$50
Year 1			\$505	\$75
Year 2			\$505	\$75
Year 3			\$505	\$75
Year 4			\$505	\$75
Year 5			\$510	\$150
Year 6			\$510	\$150

The following additional levies* will be issued at the time of event and advised via email:

- **Swimming program in Yr.1 to Year 6*** \$t.b.c based on State grant allocation
- **TriSkills program in Prep to Year 2*** \$35 Based on Sporting Schools funding
- Hoop Time program in Years 3 to 6 \$35
- Public Speaking in Years 5 & 6 \$55
- **Camp Levy in Years 3 to 6** *\$t.b.c: Indicative Yr 3 \$215, Yr 4 \$400, Yr 5 \$415, Yr 6 \$730

**Please note the above additional program costs are indicative and may change in 2023*

IT Levy

As I have touched upon in recent months, the school will no longer require families to purchase an iPad for educational reasons in Prep. Instead, we are rolling out a class set of ChromeBooks in Year 5 and 6. These devices will be held at the school i.e. not taken home. This specific device is far more suited to our Google Education platform and readiness for secondary school.

For students who have existing devices in Years 1-4, we encourage them to continue to bring their device (iPad) to school. For families who wish to purchase a new device for their child in the event that their current iPad is damaged and cannot be repaired or updated, we would recommend ChromeBooks rather than iPads. We anticipate an adjustment period as we slowly transition to this new device platform in the coming years, phasing out 1:1 iPads. 2023 Prep students will be supported with school-based devices when required.

Fee Statements

All families will receive their school fee account at the beginning of Term 1. School fee accounts are billed for the full year on the first statement. Follow up statements are mailed at the beginning of Term 2, 3 & 4 showing the current balance. Items such as Camps and Swimming will be billed at the time of event.

We ask each family to complete the financial commitment eForm on Operoo "School Fees 2023", indicating your intent to pay and preferred method of payment, prior to the end of 2022. Several payment options, listed over, are available to suit your family situation. If you are electing to pay your 2023 school fees via Direct Debit, we ask you to return the Direct Debit Agreement to the office by December 2nd. Payments will not commence until the date indicated.

In line with the MACS Concessional Fee Policy, discounted fees are available for families experiencing financial difficulty (including those on an eligible HCC). Any family who is experiencing difficulties in meeting their financial commitments, or wishing to discuss alternate fee payment arrangements for 2023, is asked to arrange an appointment with the principal.

We sincerely thank you in advance for your understanding and ongoing commitment to Sacred Heart as we look to better align our fee structure with MACS guidelines i.e. similar schools. Our aim will always be to ensure we provide a great school, accessible to all families.

Kind regards,



Simon Collis
Principal

2023 SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS – Guide to working out your fees

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

To work out your fee total: Select your family fee, add the Capital fee, and then add the per student fees. An **example** of a 2 child family with a student in Year 2 and 5 would be:

- **EXAMPLE ONLY**
Family Fee \$3,335
Capital Fee \$800
Year 2 Fees: Curriculum \$505, I.T. \$75
Year 5 Fees: Curriculum \$510, I.T. \$150
TOTAL FEES FOR THIS EXAMPLE: \$5,375

Option 1	Full Fee Payment
Payment can be made in full by <u>Friday 24th March</u>	

Option 2	Payment by Quarterly Instalments
Instalments (Calculate your family's fees from page 1 and divide by 4) can be paid via EFTPOS or credit card at the school office any time between 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday on school days. Alternately, you can phone through a credit card payment at any time during the above hours. Cash only accepted on a Wednesday.	
Instalment One	Friday 10 th March
Instalment Two	Friday 26 th May
Instalment Three	Friday 11 th August
Instalment Four	Friday 27 th October

Option 3	Direct Debit	
Direct debit facilities can be set up for families to pay in weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Families are required to complete the direct debit form to nominate a bank account and return it to the school by December 2 nd 2022. Payments for the 2023 school fees will begin being deducted from <u>Friday 3rd March 2023</u>		
Direct Debit Option	Number of Payments	Cost
Weekly	34	Divide total fees and levies by 34
Fortnightly	17	Divide total fees and levies by 17
Monthly	8	Divide total fees and levies by 8

HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS

The **CSEF** (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) is provided by the Victorian Government for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. CSEF forms are available on the eForm "School Fees 2023" in Operoo.

Families holding an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) are eligible to apply for this allowance and are strongly encouraged to do so. \$125 per year will be paid to schools for eligible students. This amount will be deducted from your child's Excursion or Camp Levy as the payment comes through.