

Schedule of Fees 2024

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

1st December 2023

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 may be able 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. Centrepay is also another option, and fees are paid directly to the school from payments received from Family Tax A and B. If this option is of interest to you, please request a form from the school office.

St. Mary's and CES Sandhurst expected payment of fees as of 2024 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 2024 - 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 2024

Fees/Levies	1 Child	2 Children	3+ Children
Family School Fee	\$1380	\$1650	\$1905
Learning Levy (per child)	\$490	\$950	\$1425
Learning Experiences (per child)	\$150	\$290	\$435
ICT Levy	\$50	\$100	\$150
Capital & Maintenance Levy	\$250 one payment per family		
TOTAL	\$2320	\$3240	\$4165
Per Week (40 wks)	\$58	\$81	\$105
Per Term	\$580	\$810	\$1041.25

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)	\$75
Year Four (1 day / 1 overnight)	\$250
Year Five (3 day / 2 overnight)	\$300
Year Six (4 day / 3 overnight)	\$350

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.
Learning Levy	The Learning Levy covers costs for classroom and stationary supplies, a contribution to ICT Leases and maintenance as well as 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.

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Request an Authority to Debit your Account	First Name/s _____ Surname _____ I /We, request and authorise St Mary's School Echuca ABN 77 914 476 179 to debit my account through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System (BECS) as detailed below to pay school fees. This authority remains in force until such time that I provide written instruction to amend or cancel this authority.
Amount and Frequency of Debit	A specified amount of \$ _____ continuing until cancellation. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly (Friday) <input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly (February, May, August, November) <input type="checkbox"/> Annually (March) (Please tick your preferred payment arrangement)
Account to be Debited	Account Name: _____ Financial Institution Name: _____ BSB Number: __ __ __ - __ __ __ Account Number: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
Your Contact Details	Address: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____ Student name/s: _____
	By signing and/or providing us with a valid instruction in respect to your Direct Debit Request you confirm that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · you are authorised to operate the nominated account; and · you have understood and agreed to the terms and conditions set out in this Request and in your Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.
Your Signature	Signed in accordance with the account authority on your account: Signature 1: _____ Signature 2: _____ Date: _____ Please sign and return this form to Administration or email to fees@smechuca.catholic.edu.au

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Direct Debit Request Service Agreement



This is your Direct Debit Service Agreement with St Mary's School Echuca 77 914 476 179 (the Debit User).

It explains what your obligations are when undertaking a Direct Debit arrangement with us. It also details what our obligations are to you as your Direct Debit provider.

Please keep this agreement for future reference.

It forms part of the terms and conditions of your Direct Debit Request (DDR) and should be read in conjunction with your DDR authorisation.

Definitions

account means the account held at your financial institution from which we are authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

agreement means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us.

banking day means a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday listed throughout Australia.

debit day means the day that payment by you to us is due.

debit payment means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

Direct Debit Request means the written, verbal or online request between us and you to debit funds from your account.

us or we mean St Mary's School Echuca, (the Debit User) you have authorised by requesting a Direct Debit Request.

you mean the customer who has authorised the Direct Debit Request.

your financial institution means the financial institution at which you hold the account you have authorised us to debit.