

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you about the 2025 School Fee Schedule.

School Fee Schedule 2025

Family Fee	\$1,485	per Family
Capital & Maintenance Levy	\$160	per Family
Student Levy	\$300	per Child
Swimming	\$90	per Child
ICT & Curriculum Levy Foundation to Year 2	\$90	per Child
ICT & Curriculum Levy - Years 3/4	\$130	per Child
ICT & Curriculum Levy - Years 5/6	\$250	per Child
Junior Years (Foundation to Year 2) Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$65	per Child
Year 3 Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$100	per Child
Year 4 Camp	\$260	per Child
Year 5 Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$100	per Child
Year 6 Camp	\$360	per Child

School Fee Structure

The School Fee Structure has been set for the 2025 year.

The policy of the school is that no child will be excluded from school if families have genuine financial difficulty. Families experiencing financial difficulty need to contact the school Principal, so alternative arrangements can be made. Such arrangements are strictly confidential.

Curriculum & ICT Levv

The Curriculum and ICT Levy fee covers part of the cost of supplies and resources for classroom and specialist classes e.g. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics, Performing Arts, Italian, Physical Education and Learning Enrichment.

It also assists the school with iPads for Junior Years (Foundation – Year 2), one between two and bank of Apple laptops for Years 3-4. The levy is higher in Year 5/6 as each child has their own Apple laptop for use at school. Next year we have bought new laptops for Year 3-6.

The student levy goes towards the cost incurred in providing quality programs and resources in each curriculum area. This includes library books, licensing, Math's equipment, readers, sports equipment, books, exercise books, art supplies teacher resources and assessment materials.

Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy

In 2025, we have changed some of our camps and excursions.

Foundation – Year 3 & 5 will have excursions and a number of incursions at school. We will have a Year 4 & 6 camp. Information and dates will be given to parents shortly.

Payment of School Fees & Levies

The range of educational opportunities and experiences has been offered within the context of our budget. It will therefore be important that payment of fees and levies are honored. We are very aware of these rising costs for families, and this is given careful consideration in the process of setting school fees and levies. However due to Government school funding agreements, there is an expectation that Catholic school communities contribute to the cost of education.

To assist families, we encourage payment via direct debit. This allows for regular payments to be made equally over the school year. Direct Debit Request forms are available from the office or the school website. Please note: If your current payment arrangement is via direct debit, a new form is required for each school year.

Health Care Card (HCC)

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL) is pleased to inform Primary School families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC) that you are eligible for a significant reduction in school fees for the upcoming year including all fees and levies.

The discount will be automatically applied to your school fee account once you provide a copy of your HCC to the school office, complete a CSEF form, and set up a direct debit arrangement. If you've already submitted your HCC, completed the CSEF form, and have a direct debit in place, no further action is needed — the discount will be applied automatically.

We understand that many families have varying circumstances and in response to the rising cost of living expenses, we are committed to supporting those who need additional assistance.

Please be assured that this support is provided to ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive in our school community. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the school office.

Payment Options

All fees and levies for the year will be billed at the start of the school year. Families will receive a school fee statement in early February 2025. Families will receive additional statements once per month during the year. The school provides a number of options for the payment of school fees and levies.

Payment in Full: Fees paid in full at the beginning of the school year.

Payment per Term: Fees paid at the beginning of each term with the final payment due at the

start of 4th Term 2025.

EFTPOS: Payments can be made at the office using your debit or credit card.

<u>Direct Debit</u>: Payments made fortnightly on Fridays (commencing Friday, 7th February

2025 and will continue until 28th November 2025) from your nominated bank account. Please collect a form from the office or download a direct

debit request form from our School Website;

www.sbshepparton.catholic.edu.au

Please note: A new Direct Debit form must be completed at the start

of each school year.

If you have any questions regarding school fees, levies or payment options please contact the office.

Yours Sincerely,

Paula Stevenson (Principal)

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