



Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you about the 2026 School Fee Schedule.

### **School Fee Schedule 2026**

Family Fee	\$1,541	per Family
Capital & Maintenance Levy	\$166	per Family
Student Curriculum Levy	\$309	per Child
Swimming	\$90	per Child
ICT Levy – Foundation to Year 2	\$100	per Child
ICT Levy – Years 5/6	\$190	per Child
Junior Years (Foundation to Year 2) Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$85	per Child
Year 3 Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$120	per Child
Year 4 Camp	\$280	per Child
Year 5 Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$120	per Child
Year 6 Camp	\$380	per Child
Year 4 & 6 Incursion Levy	\$30	per Child

## **School Fee Structure**

The School Fee Structure has been set for the 2026 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.

## **Student Curriculum Levy**

The Student Curriculum Levy contributes to the cost of essential supplies and resources used in both classroom and specialist programs. These include STEAM, Science, Performing Arts, Japanese, Physical Education.

This levy helps ensure students have access to high-quality learning experiences and materials across all curriculum areas. It supports the purchase of items such as library books, educational licenses, numeracy resources, sports gear, take home texts, exercise books, art supplies, and wellbeing resources.

## **ICT Levy**

The ICT Levy supports the school's digital infrastructure, including Wi-Fi, smart TVs, and centrally managed student laptops used in school-based pods. These devices are for shared use and are designed for daily learning and universal assessment.

All devices ensure easy access, safe use, and consistent performance. Technology use is always teacher-led and integrated into learning. The levy also supports cyber safety education and ensures all students have equitable access to digital tools that enhance their learning experience.

## **Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy**

We are proud to offer a rich and engaging program of activities that support student learning, build confidence, teamwork and wellbeing beyond the classroom. These include:

- **Whole-school incursions:** All students will participate in whole-school incursions throughout the year.
- **Excursions:** Foundation, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 5 students will each attend an excursion.
- **Swimming Program:** All students will take part in a six-day swimming program, which includes five swimming lessons and one end of year fun day.
- **Camps:**
  - Year 4 Camp: 1 night
  - Year 6 Camp: 2 nights

Further details, including dates and locations, will be provided to families 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 2026. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Term 2026.

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

**Direct Debit:** Direct debits will be processed every fortnight, beginning on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, with the final payment scheduled for Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2026. **Please note:** A new Direct Debit form is required at the beginning of each school year.

Direct debits will only be activated once a completed and signed Direct Debit Request form has been received. These forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the school website.

[www.sbshepparton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbshepparton.catholic.edu.au)

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

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Brian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Joel Brian (Principal)*