



# Mater Dei Catholic College

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## Re: School Fees, Resources and Levies 2026

As part of a system of 29 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, Mater Dei Catholic College's fees are reviewed and updated annually before the start of the new school year.

Throughout this process, factors such as the sustainability of Mater Dei Catholic College, the economy, and the needs of our community are considered by CEDWW. We understand that school fees are a big proportion of the household's budget and our ultimate aim is to keep fees fair while supporting our school's growth, investing in our staff and maintaining a high-quality Catholic education for your children.

For Catholic schools, the need to charge tuition fees and levies arises from the level of funding that is provided by governments for students in non-government schools. Your fees and levies enable us to bridge the gap between the school's operating costs and any Government funding we receive. Importantly, they also enable us to hire excellent teachers and staff, maintain our facilities and provide the resources needed for a strong and safe learning and spiritual environment. In the future, the gap between the funding received from the Government and the cost to run our schools is forecast to widen.

Costs to operate the College, such as insurance, electricity, repairs and maintenance have seen significant increases. The increase in the Education sector index for the year to June 2025 amounted to 5.5%.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the College and maintain a commitment to high-quality education, it has been determined that school fees for 2026 are as follows:

- Years 7 and 8: \$5,865.00 per annum
- Years 9 and 10: \$5,975.00 per annum
- Years 11 and 12: \$6,095.00 per annum

Further to College Tuition Fees, the College charges a consumables levy for the following subjects:

- Agriculture
- Design and Technology
- Food Technology
- Industrial Technology - Metal
- Industrial Technology - Timber
- Photography and Digital Media
- Technology Mandatory
- VET Business Services
- VET Construction Pathways
- VET Information and Digital Technology
- VET Manufacturing and Engineering
- Visual Art

A senior student undertaking a TVET Course (at TAFE) will be levied \$850.00 per year to off-set the considerable costs of TAFE courses.

Family Discounts for children attending a school in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga are:

- 1 Child Full fee
- 2 Children 15% off the second student's fee
- 3 Children 40% off the third student's fee
- 4 + Children 70% off each subsequent student's fee

## **Building Levy**

The Building Levy of \$175.00, is charged per child. The College utilises this levy to undertake capital works and ensure that we can continue to reinvest in our facilities and maintain our school to a high standard.

## **Resource Fee**

The resource fee of \$315.00 is billed per child. It covers a range of costs, including the supply of goods and services, such as textbooks, exercise books, technology, or resources needed for particular Key Learning Areas. Please note that where appropriate, incursion/excursion activities, such as camps, will be billed separately.

## **Mount Erin Boarding School**

Mount Erin Boarding School has determined that Weekday Boarding fees for 2026 will start at \$18,300.00 per annum. If families should choose to use arranged transportation to and from the Boarding School, there will be an additional cost.

We understand many families within our community are experiencing financial pressures.

Mater Dei Catholic College endeavours to offer an affordable Catholic education of the highest quality, and there is a deeply held commitment at all levels (Diocese, system, parish and school) that no family should be denied a Catholic education due to a genuine incapacity to pay all, or part of, their children's school fees.

If you require support or have concerns about your capacity to contribute, please contact the Finance Manager Mrs Rebecca King to confidentially discuss your situation and the options available.

We are grateful for your partnership with the College and look forward to working with you to provide your child with the very best Catholic education possible.