

Dear Parents and Carers,

2026 Annual Tuition Fee

At St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our primary focus is for every child to flourish. To continue providing the high-quality education and supportive environment your children deserve, we must maintain a strong financial foundation capable of adapting to increasing costs across many areas of our school operations, as well as a changing, broader education sector funding environment.

Our tuition fees at St Mary of the Cross MacKillop are also influenced by the Commonwealth Department of Education's calculation of our community's ability to financially contribute to the operating costs of our school, known as the Capacity-to-Contribute, or CTC, which is reviewed annually.

To ensure that we can continue to deliver a personalised, high-quality education that is responsive to the diverse interests and academic, social and emotional needs of our students, it is necessary to adjust our fees in 2026.

2026 Fee Structure

- **Annual Tuition Fee:** \$2,145
An increase of \$75 (approximately \$1.44 per week) on 2025 fees.
- **Curriculum Levy:** \$555
An increase of \$10 on 2025 fees.
This levy supports a wide range of learning experiences and essential classroom resources, including, excursions, incursions, bus transport and interschool sport, consumables, library books, photocopying and all stationery, other resources such as student Chromebooks and iPads, art supplies, STEM materials, sports equipment, and educational materials.
- **Building Fund Contribution:** \$250
This contribution to the School Capital Fund has been reviewed for 2026 to support the upcoming construction of our new school building. This project, partly funded by the Capital Grant awarded in 2024, is scheduled to commence in 2026.

Additional Charges

For 2026, these charges will be issued at the beginning of the school year to allow families sufficient time to understand and plan for the total cost of these activities.

- **Swimming Levy:** \$80 per student
Students Year 3 & 4 will participate in the 2026 Swimming Program designed to build students' confidence in the water, develop core swimming techniques and teach vital water-safety skills to support their safety in and around aquatic environments. It also contributes to their overall physical development, resilience and wellbeing.
This Program is partly funded by Government grants, therefore the cost to the families hasn't changed in 2026.

- **Sacrament Levy:** \$50 per student

The Sacrament Levy applies to students in Year 3 (Reconciliation), Year 4 (First Communion) and Year 6 (Confirmation) and supports the costs of program resources, retreat activities and parish celebrations that contribute to students' spiritual development.

- **Camp Levy:**

School camps are an important part of our learning program and support independence, resilience, teamwork and personal growth. Camp levies have increased slightly due to rising provider and venue costs, including transport, accommodation and program facilitation. We continue to work closely with providers to secure the most competitive rates while ensuring high-quality learning experiences and student safety.

- **Year 4 – Kinglake Day Camp – \$180**

- One-day outdoor education experience
- Includes meals and supervised activities

- **Year 5 – Don Bosco Camp – \$330**

- One-night beach experience
- Includes accommodation, meals and supervised water and safety activities

- **Year 6 – Camp Campase Downs – \$450**

- Two-night outdoor adventure program
- Includes accommodation, meals and a wide range of resilience and leadership-focused activities

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2026 school fees, or wish to discuss your individual circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me. We remain committed to keeping tuition fees as low and affordable as possible.

Thank you for your understanding. I am grateful for your ongoing support and trust in our school.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Pitcher
Principal

SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES 2026

Fees and Levies	
School Fees (per family)	\$2,145
Student Levy (per student)	\$555
Building Fund (per family)	\$250
Total School Fees	\$2,950

Additional student charges	
Swimming (per student) – Years 3 & 4 (only)	\$80
Camp Fees Year 4	\$180
Camp Fees Year 5	\$330
Camp Fees Year 6	\$450
Sacramental Levy (Years 3, 4 & 6 only – per student)	\$50

Payment Methods

Option 1 – Direct Debit/Credit card payments

A new form must be completed each year.

Please return complete forms to the office by Friday 5th December 2025.

No of Children	Total Fees	Weekly 4 Feb - 25 Nov (43 Payments)	Fortnightly 4 Feb - 25 Nov (22 Payments)	Monthly due 15 th each month Feb-Nov (10 Payments)	Quarterly due dates: 27 Feb • 15 May 14 Aug • 13 Nov
1	\$2,950	\$69	\$134	\$295	\$738
2	\$3,505	\$82	\$159	\$350	\$876
3	\$4,060	\$96	\$184	\$406	\$1,015
4	\$4,615	\$108	\$210	\$461	\$1,154

*Additional Student Charges (camp, swimming, Sacrament) are not included in the above payment plan but can be added when calculating the Direct Debit.

Option 2 – Payment via Cash, Credit Card or EFTPOS

Remittance for payment details (bottom of fees statement) can be completed and returned to the office for processing. Payment via EFTPOS or cash is available at the office.

Option 3 - Families may wish to make a direct payment into school bank account

ACCOUNT: ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
BSB: 083 347 A/C No: 150 503 041 REF: Student Surname

Families who have a valid Health Care Card might be eligible for **\$400** per child from the Victorian Government. This payment is made directly to the school. To claim the payment for 2026, please complete a CSEF form and submit it to our office no later than the first week of term 2 (**24 April 2026**).

Other arrangements might be available for families experiencing financial difficulties impacting ability to pay school fees, please refer to the Concessional Fee Policy. Please do not hesitate to discuss this with Claire on 8432 4500.