

ST AUGUSTINE'S FEES AND LEVIES – 2026

Dear Families,

We are writing to inform you, in consultation with the School Business Manager and School Advisory Board, our school fees and levies will be changing for the upcoming year, 2026.

St Augustine's operates in a highly competitive educational landscape and within an environment where the running costs, basic utilities, contracts, and ongoing maintenance demands are increasing. These costs continue to surpass the growth of the general Consumer Price Index (CPI). This includes replacement teacher rates, buses, excursions, labour/trades, materials, stationery, subscriptions, and other essential expenditures.

It is important to understand that the grants provided by both Commonwealth and State Governments do not fully cover the total cost of running Catholic schools. Each year, we heavily rely on contributions from parents/caregivers to help offset the education expenses for each student. This is achieved through the setting and collection of school fees and levies.

The modest increase in fees and levies will support the school in meeting the increase costs of maintaining school facilities, educational programs and technology infrastructure. This adjustment is essential to ensure that we can sustain the delivery of high-quality programs and educational experiences, enriching the lives of our students.

The fee structure for the 2026 school year will be:

Tuition and Capital Levy Per Family		
Tuition Fee	Capital Levy	Total Family Fee
\$ 2,010	\$ 685	\$ 2,695

Levies Per Student						
Levies	Curriculum	Swimming	Sacrament	Other	Camp *	Total
Prep	\$ 530	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 580
Year 1	\$ 530	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 580
Year 2	\$ 530	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 580
Year 3	\$ 530	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ 1,130
Year 4	\$ 530	\$ 50	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ 1,170
Year 5	\$ 530	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ 850	\$ 1,540
Year 6	\$ 530	\$ 50	\$ 40	\$ 210	\$ 850	\$ 1,680

The following additional levies Camp*

- Camp Levy in Years 3 to 4 refer to above schedule. These will be issued on separate letters towards the camp date.
- Camp Levy in Years 5 & 6 refer to above schedule. These have been included in your fees at the start of Term 1 as camp is scheduled in week 9 of term 1.

**Please note the above camp costs are indicative and may change in 2026. These costs are charged to your School Fees account and need to be paid prior to the date of the camp.*

Fee Statements

All families will receive their school fee account within the two weeks of the beginning of Term 1. School fee accounts are billed for the full year on the first statement. Follow up statements are emailed at the beginning of Term 2, 3 & 4 showing the current balance.

Families have the following three options:

1. Pay the total fees upfront by 27th February 2026 to **receive a discount of 10%** on their Family Fee
2. Set up a Direct Debit by 27th February 2026 for the fees to be paid off through the year
3. If a family is unable to set up a direct debit, please speak with Carrie

A direct debit form is attached to this letter for those families who would like to set up a direct debit for 2026. Please fill in the form attached and return to school by 13 February 2026 if you would like to pay your fees in instalments over the school year.

Early Payment Discount

Families who make a full payment of fees on or before the 27th February 2026, are eligible to receive a 10% discount on their family fee, a total discount of \$201.

Payment Options

Fees payable to St Augustine's School can be remitted by:

- **Online Transfer** – St Augustine's School – BSB 083-347 /Account 663182271
- (Please use your child's surname as reference)
- **Credit Card** – at the School Office or over the phone
- **COPS** - complete attached Credit Card Authorisation Form and return to the School Office
- **Direct Debit** – complete attached Direct Debit Request and return to the School Office
- **Cash** – correct money as no cash is on premises - in person at the School Office

If you are electing to pay your 2026 school fees via Direct Debit, we ask you to return the Direct Debit or Credit card payment slip. A new Direct Debit Authority or credit Card payment form must be submitted each year. Payments will not commence until the date indicated.

In line with the MACS Concessional Fee Policy, discounted fees are available for families experiencing financial difficulty (including those on an eligible HCC). Any family who is experiencing difficulties in meeting their financial commitments or wishing to discuss alternate fee payment arrangements for 2026, please contact the office to arrange a confidential appointment with the principal.

We thank you for your commitment to Catholic Education and the financial responsibilities that are associated with this choice.

With thanks,

Carrie Rodda
Principal

2026 SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

St Augustine offers several payment options to help families meet their school fee obligations

Option 1	Full Fee Payment
Payment can be made in full by: <u>Friday 27th February</u>	

Option 2	Payment by 3 Instalments
Instalments can be paid via cash, EFTPOS or credit card at the school office any time between 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday on school days.	
Instalment One	Friday 20 th March
Instalment Two	Friday 24 th July
Instalment Three	Friday 30 th October

Option 3	Direct Debit	
Direct debit facilities can be set up for families to pay in weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Families are required to complete the direct debit form to nominate a bank account and return it to the school by 13 th February 2026 year. Payments for the 2026 school fees will begin being deducted from Friday <u>27th February 2026</u>		
Direct Debit Option	Number of Payments	Cost
Weekly	36	Divide total fees and levies by 36
Fortnightly	18	Divide total fees and levies by 18
Monthly	9	Divide total fees and levies by 9

HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS

The **CSEF** (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) is provided by the Victorian Government for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. CSEF forms are available from the school office.

Families holding an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) are eligible to apply for this allowance and are strongly encouraged to do so. \$400 per year will be paid to schools for eligible students. This amount will be deducted from your child's Excursion or Camp Levy as the payment comes through.

Attachments:

Credit Card Payment Slip – 2026 -

Direct Debit Request – 2026

Requirements to be supplied by Parents