



St Joseph's Primary School

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St Joseph's will provide a child safe environment where all children have the right to be treated with respect and will be protected from harm.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: 2025 FEES INFORMATION

As 2024 draws to a close it is important to share the 2025 Fee Schedule with you. With guidance from Catholic Education Sandhurst we have reviewed our Fees for 2025 and enclosed the relevant information.

Please find attached within your Fee Pack the following :

- 2025 Fees & Levies Schedule
- Direct Debit form
- CSEF Application Eligibility and Guidelines

2025 Family Fee Statements will be sent home to families early in 2025

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The school provides a number of options for the payment of school fees and levies

- Direct Debit (fortnightly – Form enclosed). Please leave the amount blank if you would like Bree to calculate your fortnightly amount. This is calculated so the full fee is paid by the end of the school year.
- Direct Deposit Payments may be made directly to the school Bank account via online banking
School Banking Details:
BSB - 083 543
Account No. – 457828991
Reference: Student Name
- EFTPOS Please make payment at the office
- Cheque or Cash

THE SCHOOL ENCOURAGES SCHOOL FEES TO BE PAID VIA OUR DIRECT DEBIT SYSTEM IF YOU WILL NOT BE PAYING AS AN ANNUAL LUMP SUM.

FEE RELIEF OPTIONS:

HEALTHCARE CARD HOLDER

Families who are eligible for or hold a current Pension or Healthcare card may qualify for further fee assistance and are asked to contact the office.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND

Families who hold a current Pension or Healthcare Card are asked to apply for this funding as it helps the school to cover the costs of travel and sporting activities that occur during the year, not just the scheduled camps for Grades 3 to 6. If you have applied in past years your student will remain funded while your card is active. Any new students will need to be included in a new application. Please see the school office for a form.

The CSEF system only allows one application per student. Parents/carers in shared custody situations (who both hold a concession card) must decide beforehand who applies for the CSEF at the school on behalf of the relevant student. The CSEF is for the benefit of the parent/carer who is in receipt of the CSEF. Schools are not required to arbitrate this decision.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS

Non-government school students who will be in Prep through to Year 12 in 2025, and who are receiving the means-tested Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), are eligible for the School Saving Bonus. Parents and carers do not need to apply, with the School Saving Bonus being paid to non government schools for eligible students from late November 2024. The \$400 School Saving Bonus is available for each child.

Importantly, the School Saving Bonus is available in addition to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

SCHOOL INITIATED FEE RELIEF

As directed by the Catholic Education Office, in 2025, our school will be offering additional fee relief to those families who meet our set criteria. The relief will essentially reduce your total fees to \$520 per student (after the CSEF and School Savings bonus has been deducted). Certain conditions are to be met to qualify. Please contact our office for more information.

If you feel you do not qualify for any of the relief options as mentioned above but may be experiencing financial difficulty, please make contact with myself to discuss this.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to working with you in 2025.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Trewick
Principal

Fees for education in a Catholic school are an in-built component of the total funding of Catholic Education. School fees are charges to assist in meeting the day-to-day operating costs of the school. This Fee Policy has been developed in accordance with the School Fees Policy from the Sandhurst Diocesan Schools Board.

A proportion of the funding for St Joseph's comes from the Commonwealth and State Governments. The remaining proportion of the funding is raised through private financial contribution to supplement the Government's contribution.

The major source of this private financial contribution is the School (or Family) fee which is supplemented with other contribution, such as the Capital Fee, the Student Fee, fund raising activities and the use of voluntary helpers.

Family Payment Option (please indicate preference & return to office by December 15th 2024)

Family Name: _____

- Direct Debit (I have completed the attached Direct Debit Request Form)
- Direct Deposit (I will arrange my own payment via online banking)
- EFTPOS
- Cheque or Cash

Health Care Card Number (If applicable) _____

- CSEF Funding eligibility Yes/No
- I have completed and enclosed the CSEF Application
 - I have completed the CSEF Application in previous years