

FEES AND LEVIES SCHEDULE

SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

Why School Fees are necessary?

Federal and State governments acknowledge the right of parents to choose the school which best suits their children's needs for educational, religious, cultural or other reasons.

However, in comparison with funds spent on children in government schools, government funds committed to non-government schools remain limited. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school.

2018 Tuition Fee Schedule Tuition Fee Per Student

Students in Catholic Schools	One	Two	Three	Four or More
Discount Percentage	0.0%	12.5%	35.0%	50%
PRIMARY - per week	\$30.50	\$26.69	\$19.83	\$15.25
PRIMARY - per term	\$305.00	\$266.90	\$198.30	\$152.50
PRIMARY - per year	\$1220.00	\$1067.50	\$793.00	\$610.00
LOWER SECONDARY-per week	\$53.00	\$46.38	\$34.45	\$26.50
LOWER SECONDARY-per term	\$530.00	\$463.80	\$344.50	\$265.00
LOWER SECONDARY-per year	\$2120.00	\$1855.00	\$1378.00	\$1060.00
UPPER SECONDARY-per week	\$65.00	\$56.88	\$42.25	\$32.50
UPPER SECONDARY-per term	\$650.00	\$568.80	\$422.50	\$325.00
UPPER SECONDARY-per year	\$2600.00	\$2275.00	\$1690.00	\$1300.00

Funding Building Costs and School/College Infrastructure:

Families will appreciate that there is a substantial cost to Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton in maintaining and developing the existing school buildings. It is necessary to raise capital income to service related debt or to otherwise support capital works. A differential approach is in place to account for capital income as shown below.

Catholic Primary Schools –Building Levy

Each family will be charged a building levy (Primary) of \$87.50 per term (\$350.00 per year) per family with normal school fee billings.

As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible.



Catholic Colleges – Building Levy

Each family will be charged a building levy of \$121.25 per term (\$485.00 per year) in conjunction with normal school fee billings except where families have children attending Catholic Primary Schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton.

As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible.

School-Based Levies:

School-Based Levies are charges for curriculum resources, library books and printing levies. These levies are set by the School Board – to be no greater than 25% of the non-discounted tuition fees per student.

Specific Purpose Charges:

Additional charges may apply for specific purposes e.g. travel and accommodation related to school field trips and camps, excursions and transport to swimming pools etc. As well, some secondary subjects require additional charges for materials used, e.g. home economics, manual arts, etc. These costs are additional to School-Based Levies.

Parents & Friends Levy:

Parents and Friends' (P&F) in consultation with their school community and School Board may introduce a P&F levy in lieu of significant fund raising. Such a levy is voluntary and not included in the 25% as for General Levies.

Technology Capital Levy:

Schools may charge a Technology Capital Levy of \$100.00 per student up to a maximum of \$200.00 per family. This levy would not be included as part of the 25% as in General Levies.

In situations where a family has two or more children across Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools, the priority for payment of the levy will be given to the Catholic Primary School. The levy is to be used strictly for technology capital purposes at the school level.

School Fee Assistance:

If you require further assistance, the Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton policy states:
“No students should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents to pay the prescribed fee - in whole or in part.”

Families may be eligible for school fee assistance under the ***Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount*** and/or the ***Principal's Concession Scheme***.

Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount

A 70% Tuition Fee Discount is available for 'means tested' government Health Care and Pensioner Concession cards. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply.

Principal's Concession Scheme

Total or partial exemption from the payment of fees and levies is available on application to the Principal to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

For further information:

Details are available from the school or by contacting your Principal.



EARLY LEARNING AND CARE FEES

Early Learning and Care Services Fees include fee structures for the following type of facilities within the diocese:

- *Outside School Hours Care; and*
- *Kindergarten Centres*

Outside Schools Hours Care:

Fees are on a **per session (attendance) basis** with a range of fees to reflect the diversity of the centres operated by Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton. All services are to charge at least the minimum fee to maintain a degree of uniformity and equity. Each child will be charged a session fee as follows:

- **Before School Hours Care:**
Fees: Minimum \$17.50 per child – Maximum \$19.50 per child
- **After School Hours Care:**
Fees: Minimum \$22.00 per child – Maximum \$24.00 per child
- **Vacation Care:**
Fees: Minimum \$49.50 per child – Maximum \$55.50 per child

Individual centre fees will be published on the MyChild website

<http://ifp.mychild.gov.au/mvc/Search/Advanced>.

Kindergarten Centres:

Fees are calculated based on the Queensland Government's Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) Requirements. Our Approved Kindergarten programs are completely self-funded and rely on parent fees, fundraising and a contribution from the Queensland Government, only. Under this scheme, our kindergarten centres are unable to access funding from other sources.

The following information outlines kindergarten fees according to session type:

Fee		Monday, Tuesday, Alternate Wednesday	Thursday, Friday, Alternate Wednesday	Thursday, Friday only (extended program hours)
Term Fees	Term One	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
	Term Two	\$952.00	\$918.00	\$935.00
	Term Three	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
	Term Four	\$748.00	\$782.00	\$765.00
Fortnightly Fee		\$170.00	\$170.00	\$168.00
Daily Fee * Kindergarten-age child		\$34.00	\$34.00	\$42.50
**Daily Fee - additional days (kindy age) or children not of eligible kindergarten-age		\$42.50	\$42.50	N/A



The following levies or fees are included on Parent Fee Statements:

- **Building Levy:**
\$44.00 per term per kindergarten family
- **QCEC Levy:**
\$9.00 per year

Initial Enrolment Fee – Non-refundable fee determined by the locality of the kindergarten centre.

Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme (QKFS) Plus Kindy Support Subsidies:

Eligible families of kindergarten-age children:

- who hold recognised concession cards,
- who have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year,
- where the child identifies as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and the family chooses to identify them as such on their enrolment form,

will receive reduced out-of-pocket expenses on kindergarten fees. Provided the child/family meets the eligibility requirements for the QKFS Plus Kindy Support subsidy, at any point during the term, they are entitled to funding for the full term.

*Kindergarten-age is the year before a child commences their preparatory year at school i.e. children who are at least four years old by 30 June in the year they participate (minimum of 600 hours per year to be eligible – equates to five days per fortnight or four days per fortnight extended program hours). Our kindergartens offer extended hours, beyond the required 600 hours, to ensure all pupil free days are covered throughout the year.

**QKFS, as outlined by the Queensland Government, only provides fee support to Approved Kindergarten Centres for kindergarten-age children. Children who attend additional days or children who are not of the eligible kindergarten-age are subsidised by the kindergarten. Families contribute less than 1/3 of the loss of funding from the QKFS funding with the centre covering the remaining 2/3 of the loss.

Individual centre fees will be published on their respective website <http://www.rok.catholic.edu.au/catholic-schools/kindergarten-pre-prep/>.