



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

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SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE AND POLICY

The following information will outline the structure and components of school fees, the purpose of fees and the areas of the school's operation in which these funds are applied.

2018 Fees

In accordance with Brisbane Catholic Education's recommendation, there has only been a slight increase to the Tuition Fees.

As previously advised Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will also have a Technology Levy with the One to One Program continuing.

SCHOOL FEE COMPONENTS:

Fees consist of the following components:

1. Tuition Fees
2. Capital Levy & Building Fund Contribution
3. School Camps
4. Year Level Levies
5. One to One Program
6. Year 6 Leader Shirt
7. Parents & Friends Levy & Community Participation Levy

1. TUITION FEES

One Child	\$1816 p.a.
Two Children	\$2780 p.a.
Three Children	\$3328 p.a.
Four or more Children	\$3700 p.a.

The introduction of an all-inclusive school fee will continue in 2018. The all-inclusive fee consists of the cost of all items and resources including school photos, school magazine, swimming lessons and all excursions. Not included in the all-inclusive school fee is Capital Levy, P & F Levy, Community Participation Levy, Year Level Levies and the purchase of uniforms, optional programs - eg instrumental music, competitions, stationery, writing implements, etc.

2. CAPITAL LEVY & BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTION

Capital Levy - \$640 per family. It is a necessary levy which enables us to pay our school building loans, as well as provide additional facilities for the students. It is **NOT** tax deductible.

Building Fund Contribution - \$100 per family (Donation). For those families who have significant capacity to pay fees, we ask that you consider making a donation to the *Tax Deductible* School Building Fund. This may be made as a lump sum payment or on a monthly basis via the direct debit system. This money can be used to refurbish and maintain older buildings. A separate receipt is issued for this donation at the end of the financial year. Thank you in advance for your support.

3. SCHOOL CAMPS

Years 5 and 6 Camps: A base fee of \$315 for Year 6 and \$285 for Year 5 will be charged over Terms 1 to 3. Adjustments will be made to Term 4 fees once allowance is made for fundraising efforts and actual camp costs.

4. YEAR LEVEL RESOURCE LEVIES

All Year Level Levies will be charged on Term 1 School Fee Statement.

Prep	Photocopying Levy \$5.00; Maths Text \$22.00; School Diary \$8.00; My School Prep Scrapbook \$5.00; Music Levy \$5.00; Whiteboard Markers \$5.00; My Prep ABC Scrapbook \$13.00; Handwriting Text \$15.00; Curriculum Levy \$10.00.	Total \$88.00
Year 1	Maths Plus \$22.00; Write for Qld Book 1 \$14.00; Grammar Convention \$16.00; School Diary \$8.00; Music Levy \$5.00; Whiteboard Markers \$6.00; My School Scrapbook \$5.00; Curriculum Levy \$10.00	Total \$86.00
Year 2	Maths Plus \$22.00; Grammar Convention \$16.00; School Diary \$8.00; Whiteboard Markers \$6.00; Music Levy \$5.00; Curriculum Levy \$10.00.	Total \$67.00
Year 3	Maths Plus \$22.00; Grammar Convention \$16.00; School Diary \$8.00; Music Levy \$5.00; Curriculum Levy \$10.00; Spelling Conventions \$16.00.	Total \$77.00
Year 4	Maths Plus \$22.00; Music Resources \$6.00; Curriculum Levy 20.00; School Diary \$8.00.	Total \$56.00
Year 5	Maths Plus \$22.00; Curriculum Levy \$20.00; School Diary \$8.00; Music Resource \$6.00.	Total \$56.00
Year 6	Maths Plus \$22.00; Curriculum Levy \$20.00; School Diary \$8.00; Music Resource \$6.00.	Total \$56.00

5. ONE TO ONE PROGRAM - YR 4, YR 5, YR 6 ONLY

Students have use of either iPad (Year 4) and Laptop computer (Year 5 and 6) whilst they are enrolled at the School. At the end of Year 6 parents must return the laptops / iPads to the School, who will arrange for the devices to be reimaged, removing unlicensed software. Assuming all school fee payments have been made, the laptop / iPad will then be returned to the student.

If a student was to leave St Anthony's prior to the completion of Year 6, the family would have the option to payout the remaining amount owing on the 1:1 levy to be able to take the device, otherwise the device remains as school property. This will also apply to new families who come to St Anthony's during the three year period, the family would have the option to make up the payments owing on the 1:1 levy. In the case of loss or damage to the device a \$250 excess is payable by the parent/guardian. If inappropriate usage or willful damage has occurred then the cost of the repair or replacement will be at the discretion of the school.

Year 4 Total cost per student, which includes purchase of Apple iPad Pro 10.5" 64GB, case, 3 year warranty will be \$1,350 including GST for the 3 year period which equates to \$112.50 per term.

Year 5 \$112.50 per term will continue.

Year 6 \$107 per term will continue.

6. YEAR 6 LEADER SHIRTS - \$38 each

7. PARENTS & FRIENDS LEVY - \$100 per family

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION LEVY - \$200 per family

A Parents & Friends Levy is charged by the St Anthony's Parents & Friends Association to provide for special projects within the school. The P and F have introduced a new levy on top of the current P and F Levy paid by families each year to increase participation and involvement of families at school events. The P and F levy of \$100 p.a. will remain the same as 2017 and the Community Participation Levy of \$200 p.a. which will be charged in full in Term Two school fees.

To receive a rebate of this Community Participation Levy, parents/carers will need to complete **10 points of P and F supported activities** to receive a full rebate in Term Four. If **five** points are completed, then a **50%** rebate of the levy will apply. There will be no further pro-rata rebate applied, so if for example 7 points are completed, only 50% rebate on the volunteer levy will apply.

The points given for each activity is not necessarily based on hours completed, but can be determined by the need by the P and F for assistance in that particular activity. An example of this is that more points are given for pack up at the fiesta than attending a P and F meeting, as there is a higher need by the P and F for this activity. Please refer to more indepth communication sent directly from P&F Committee.

PAYMENT METHOD

- Direct Deposit - the school's preferred payment method
- BPay
- Debit or Credit Card – EFTPOS facilities available at school office
- Cash or cheque

DISCOUNTS

A 2.5% discount on fees (Tuition and Capital levy only) will be granted if full payment of the annual fee is made by 23rd February 2018.

CONCESSIONS

The school considers applications from families who are experiencing difficulties meeting the cost of fees, but does not grant concessions for fees that are in arrears. Families needing a concession must contact the school and request a concession form. **These forms are now available for 2018.** The decision to grant a concession is made on the family's assessed ability to pay based on information disclosed by the family and nationally recognised poverty scales. All families granted concessions are required to use the Direct Debit or Centrepay method of payment. Applications for Term 1 close on 23rd February 2018. **Concessions do not continue automatically from one year to the next. Re-application is necessary.**

PAYMENT OF FEES – POLICY

The policy for the payment of fees in 2018 is that upon receipt of each term's school fees account, the Principal or Finance Officer must be informed immediately if fees cannot be paid in full by the specified due date. A proposal for repayment of the fees over the course of the term must also be made at this time.

If a child's enrolment is to be withdrawn, one term's written notice is required before refunds are considered.

In the event that two terms of fees are outstanding, and in the absence of any existing arrangements or advice, an interview will be arranged with the School Principal, and the family will be notified of the date and time.

Families should be aware that part of the control mechanism for outstanding school fees consists of a written record made each time an overdue account is forwarded, or an agreement made (verbally or in writing), a phone call made or received, or an interview conducted. The Finance Officer maintains these records and keeps the Principal informed on a regular basis, particularly at times when it becomes necessary to conduct an interview. Fees that are owing when a family leaves the school may, depending on circumstances, be handed to a Debt Collection Agency for recovery. This may involve the instigation of legal action.