

Fee Schedule 2024

We are pleased to be offering families flexible options for Kinder in 2025. All Kinders will have three compulsory 'core' days, and families have the option of requesting four or five days of Kindergarten per week.

Flexible Kindergarten options and fees (per year)		
Number of days	Days	Fees
Three core days	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday OR Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	\$3,600
Four days	Add an additional day to core days above	\$4,600
Five days	Monday to Friday	\$5,600

College fees, together with State and Commonwealth Government grants, contribute to the overall costs of your child's attendance at St Mary's College. These cover running costs such as teacher salaries, classroom maintenance, heating and power. They are also used to pay for excursions and class activities, which require special or additional materials.

Prep to Year 12 fees (per year)	
Prep to Year 2	\$3,950
Years 3 to 5	\$4,400
Year 6	\$6,400 (incl Canberra trip costs)
Years 7 and 8	\$6,100
Years 9 and 10	\$6,600
Years 11 and 12	\$5,500

Other charges	
Presentation Families Levy	\$20/year (per family)
Capital Works Levy	\$150/year (per student)

Building Fund

Each year, families are invited to make a payment to the Building Fund according to their financial capacity. Payments to the Building Fund are tax deductible.

Fee payment guidelines

1. Fees are to be paid in full by close of business **Thursday 29 February 2024**. If you instead elect to make payments via monthly instalments it is expected that the amount will be paid in 10 equal payments between February and November. Failure to make the required payment amount without contacting the College by the due date will result in your school fee account being handed to The Fee Committee for further action.
2. The College's preferred method of payment is direct debit (bank or credit card). Fees can also be paid via the Qkr app, cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, Centrepay and via the College website.
3. 10 weeks' notice must be given to St Mary's College in writing if a student leaves, otherwise the following terms fees are payable in full.

Information about fee payments

Payment terms

- In addition to State and Commonwealth grants, the fees and levies paid for each student are vital for the continued operation of the College. The Commonwealth Government requires each school and college to generate private income to underpin the government's continued assistance.
- Please contact us if there is a reason for delayed payment of fees and levies.
- Invoices will be issued to you early in the new school year. Full payment is due **29 February 2024**, unless other arrangements are made with the College. The College will allow payment of the account to be made in 10 equal payments each month from February to November.
- Please note that any payment arrangement entered into is purely administrative.
- Notwithstanding the amount invoiced, in the event of default on payment arrangements the total amount outstanding will become immediately due. The College reserves the right to take steps to recover payment in full.

Direct debit forms

Please note that direct debits need to be established annually. Please complete the appropriate form and return no later than **Friday 9 February 2024**. Weekly and fortnightly direct debits are processed on Fridays only. If you have any queries with regards to direct debits, please contact the Business Office.

Enrolment fees

A non-refundable enrolment application fee of \$50 is due at the time of enrolment. A one-off confirmation of Enrolment fee of \$250 per student is required when a new enrolment is accepted.

- This fee will partly address administration costs and as part of St Mary's College's commitment to providing equity and access to a Catholic Education. An applicant's inability to pay the enrolment fee will not jeopardise their successful enrolment.

Family discounts

Family discounts apply to families who have three or more children enrolled at Catholic schools. Families must apply for discounts each year. The discounts are:

- 10% discount – For 3 children at Catholic schools
- 20% discount – For 4 children at Catholic schools
- 30% discount – For 5 or more children at Catholic schools

Tuition fee remission

- Tuition fees may be varied in two ways: extension of time for payment; or reduction of level of payment. This policy has been developed to assist families experiencing genuine financial hardship and is applicable even if a family discount has already been granted.
- An application for remission of College fees can be used (on an annual basis) by parents/guardians to apply for assistance. The forms are available from the Business Office for 2024 and should be returned to the Business Manager as soon as possible but no later than **Thursday 29 February 2024** for consideration by the Fee Committee. Please note discounts do not apply to levies and application for a remission is required each year. Any requests for fee remissions received after this date will be applied to only the outstanding fees that are due after the date the application is received.

Extra-curricular activities

It is College policy that applications for students to attend non-essential extra-curricular excursions or activities will not be accepted if all due tuition fees and levies have not been paid.

Intermittent absences

St Mary's College policy regarding intermittent absences from school is that normal fees will be charged if the student's place in the College is reserved during absence. Students undertaking other College-sponsored programs are deemed to be attending College and normal tuition fees and associated charges are payable.

Presentation Families levy

Presentation Families is a collaboration between the College and parents and carers with the purpose of enacting the Presentation touchstones of hospitality and compassion, welcoming new families and including all. This levy funds College events coordinated by Presentation Families, such as the Welcome Families BBQ, Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfasts.

Capital works levy

St Mary's College is committed to continually improving the educational facilities for our students.

Building Fund

Each year, families are invited to make a payment to the Building Fund according to their financial capacity. Funds raised through this program are used to make improvements to or undertake small building projects that are not otherwise affordable. Please note these Building Fund donations are tax deductible.