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COLLEGE TUITION FEES & LEVIES 2027

St Andrew's Catholic College is pleased to provide full details of Fees and Levies, for the 2027 academic year. This document outlines the financial commitment that families agree to make.

Fees and levies will vary depending on each family situation. For example, it costs less to educate a child in Primary School, compared to a child in Secondary School. Some families are also eligible for sibling and other discounts. Charges also have both per student and per family components.

Per student costs

For a single **Primary School student** (depending on year level) standard yearly costs range between $3,695 and $4,331 per year. This is between $71 and $84 per week, over 52 weeks.

For a single **Secondary School student** (depending on year level) standard yearly costs range between $6,451 and $7,734 per year. This is between $124 and $149 per week, over 52 weeks.

Per family costs

A Capital levy ($1,208) and a Family and Community Engagement (FACE) levy ($80) are charged per family. Regardless of how many students a family has enrolled in the College, the family is only charged once for these levies i.e a total of $1,288 per family. Per family costs have not changed since 2024.

Discounts

Discounts on the Diocesan tuition fee apply for families with two, three or more students attending Catholic Primary and/or Secondary schools within the Cairns Diocese. This discount equates to a 15% fee reduction for each child in a family with two students enrolled, 30% for three students and no additional tuition fee charge for four or more students. Further discounts are available, to holders of certain categories of Health Care and Pensioner Concession Cards. Other concessions in relation to financial hardship circumstances may also be available. Families experiencing genuine financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the College.

Payments

Parents and Carers, through their commitment to Catholic education, have a responsibility and an obligation to pay College Tuition Fees and Levies as they fall due, 14 days after invoicing. The College also supports the many families who choose to spread out the costs through making alternative payment arrangements e.g weekly, fortnightly or monthly repayment plans.

If you have any queries or concerns at all, please contact the College Finance staff for assistance.

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Kind regards,

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2027 Schedule of School Fees & Levies

Prep to Year 4			Annual	Per Term	Per Week
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student		$1,903	$476	$37
College Resource Levy	Per student		$1,792	$448	$34
Capital Levy	*Per family*		$1,208	$302	$23
FACE Levy	*Per family*	*	$80	$20	$2
	Total		$4,983		

Year's 5 and 6			Annual	Per Term	Per Week
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student		$1,903	$476	$37
College Resource Levy	Per student		$2,428	$607	$47
Capital Levy	*Per family*		$1,208	$302	$23
FACE Levy	*Per family*	*	$80	$20	$2
	Total		$5,619		

Year's 7,8 and 9			Annual	Per Term	Per Week
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student		$3,260	$815	$63
College Resource Levy	Per student		$3,191	$798	$61
Capital Levy	*Per family*		$1,208	$302	$23
FACE Levy	*Per family*	*	$80	$20	$2
	Total		$7,739		

Year's 10 and 11			Annual	Per Term	Per Week
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student		$4,005	$1,001	$77
College Resource Levy	Per student		$3,729	$932	$72
Capital Levy	*Per family*		$1,208	$302	$23
FACE Levy	*Per family*	*	$80	$20	$2
	Total		$9,022		

Year 12 only			Annual	Per Term	Per Week
Diocesan Tuition Fee	Per student	**	$4,005	$1,335	$77
College Resource Levy	Per student	**	$3,729	$1,243	$72
Capital Levy	*Per family*	**	$1,208	$403	$23
FACE Levy	*Per family*	*	$80	$20	$2
	Total		$9,022		

* Annual FACE Levy (Family And Community Engagement) is billed in Term 1.

** Yr 12 charges are billed over Terms 1,2 and 3.

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Mandatory Charges

Diocesan Tuition Fee (per student)
A fee per student is charged to meet the costs of providing tuition. The cost of Tuition fees is determined by the Catholic Diocese of Cairns. These fees apply for all Diocesan Schools and Colleges. Discounts are given on this fee, to families with two or more students attending Catholic Colleges and Schools in the Cairns Diocese.

College Resource Levy (per student)
A levy per student is charged for each Year level, to cover resources relating to that Year level. The levy covers costs of items required by students to attend and participate in classes, and in student activities. This includes teaching and classroom resources (like books and subscriptions), technology and library resources, camps and retreats, excursions, year level activities, special events, insurances and other support and administration service costs. Secondary school students are also provided with a new College owned laptop, in Years 7 and 10, for individual use over their Secondary years.

Capital Levy (per family)
A per family Capital levy is charged to contribute to the capital costs of the College. Costs are typically major new building projects, playgrounds, classroom renovations, vehicles, significant machinery or equipment used to deliver the curriculum, I.T infrastructure, I.T devices, and loan repayments.

"FACE" Levy (per family)
A per family levy is charged on behalf of the FACE committee. FACE is the St Andrew's P & F Committee. Family And Community Engagement (FACE) is involved in a wide range of community activities and plays an integral role in shaping the life and identity of the College.

Other items

Separate charges apply for College Uniform Shop purchases, lost library books and loss or damage of College owned equipment e.g student laptops or related peripherals.

Vocational Education & Training (VET)
The Vocational Education and Training (VET) Department provides excellent pathways in multiple high demand courses. St Andrew's is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), offering a range of Nationally Accredited Certificate Courses for students to enrol in, within the school timetable, both through the College's Scope of Registration and through Third-Party Agreements. Most courses are delivered over two years, primarily to Year 11 and Year 12 students.
Additional levies apply for VET pathways, as these are more resource intensive to deliver. Charges for VET courses are agreed in advance and recovered from families via periodic school fee billing. The College Curriculum guide, available on the College website, has comprehensive details of an extensive range of available certificate courses, and associated costs.

Music
The College has a reputation for excellence in music. A student enrolled in a College music program is charged an annual levy of $30. This typically covers sheet music costs, accompanist/conductor fees and group eisteddfod entries. Additional music levies apply where families opt for their child to receive music tuition from a skilled College tutor ($120 per Term). Tuition/lessons are available covering instruments in brass, woodwind, string, vocal, orchestral percussion, guitar and piano. If instruction is provided by an external provider, the provider will invoice their costs to the family direct. Where families choose to hire available musical instruments a hire levy of up to $90 per Term applies, depending on the instrument.

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College Building Fund

The Building Fund contributes to our Campus Improvement Plan, which includes maintenance and improvement of classrooms and buildings. A donation here is in addition to the Capital levy charged to all families. The mandatory Capital Levy has not been increased since 2024, to support families who are struggling with the cost of living. However, we do offer and encourage all who can contribute to the Building Fund, with an optional tax-deductible contribution, to do so.

'Opt in' activities, trips or services

Where students/families are given the option to participate in an activity/trip/event or optional tour additional charges apply. Costs that will be passed on mostly relate to transport, accommodation, food, and registration for activities or events. Examples of this include interstate or overseas school tours, excursion opportunities in trade areas, Dance Haven, sport related activities (e.g futsal teams), Duke of Edinburgh activities, extra-curricular music competitions, Year 12 community day, and intra or interstate events/carnivals or competitions. Families will be advised of the nature of the activity and costs involved. Parent slips are issued in advance and families then choose to participate, or not.

Enrolments

The College charges a $100 enrolment application fee, per student, capped at $200 per family. All application fees are non-refundable. On acceptance, a $200 enrolment confirmation / processing fee is charged. This fee will be added to the family account in the first term of the student's commencement.

Billing and payments

Parents and Carers, through their commitment to Catholic education, have a responsibility and an obligation to pay College Tuition Fees and Levies as they fall due, 14 days after invoicing.

College Tuition Fees, Levies and Other charges may be paid via the following methods :

- Direct Debit from your bank account (forms available online and from the College Office).
- Direct Credit Transfer, or Bpay (refer your Customer Account Statement for details).
- EFTPOS or Credit Card at the College Front Reception.
- By Credit Card, over the phone, by calling (07) 4039 5200.

Tuition Fees and Levies are billed evenly after the start of each Term. There are two exceptions. The *per family* 'FACE' Levy is billed in Term 1. The *per student* Year 12 fees and levies are billed over the first three (3) Terms of the year.

College Tuition Fees and Levies may be charged on a pro-rata basis for students that commence at the College on or after the commencement of week four of any given Term. If a student has exited part way through a Term, a refund or credit of College Tuition Fees and Levies will only be considered upon receipt of a completed and signed Student Exit Form, and a written request for pro rata charges.

Each account holder receives a copy of the school fee statements. For some families, this means receiving two fee statements e.g where both parents or guardians have the same email address. This is because two parties have a joint fee responsibility, and therefore will receive a statement of fees each.

The College refers to the signed Confirmation of Enrolment and / or a subsequent 'Revision of Financial Obligations' document when determining financial responsibility for College Fees and Levies i.e who pays. To be valid, any split billing type arrangement must be formally agreed, signed and submitted, by respective parents / carers. To be accepted by the College a fee commitment, from the split payers involved, still needs to add up to 100% of fees and levies to be billed.