



St. Mary's School

Fee Schedule 2025

School Fees at St. Mary's cover all of students' needs including books, pens, classroom materials, excursions and camps.

Catholic Schools have always welcomed families of all financial means. St. Mary's School looks at each families financial situation individually and have the ability to restructure fees for families in special circumstances. Each request is considered on its own merits. If you require assistance in relation to fees please make contact with our Business Manager, Maree McLean, to discuss a suitable arrangement.

Family Fee Assistance Scheme

In all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools, tuition fee discounts are available to families with a current means tested Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Veteran Affairs Pensioner Card. The scheme offers tuition fee discounts to both Catholic and non-Catholic families, also new and current students. For 2025 the amount of Family Fee Assistance is \$860.00 per eligible family.

CSEF Assistance

This is a government assistance scheme for Families with an eligible Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Veteran Affairs Pensioner Card. For 2025 the amount of CSEF Assistance is \$154.00 per eligible child.

To apply for the above financial assistance please call into the office at the beginning of the school year to complete an application form.

Conveyance Allowance

Victorian Conveyance Allowance is available for children who reside in Victoria and are more than 4.8 kilometres from the nearest free school bus service. Please call into the office to complete an application form.

NSW Conveyance Subsidy is available for children who reside in NSW and are more than 1.6 kilometres from the nearest free school bus service. Application can be made online at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Payment of School Fees

Fees can be paid annually, per term, monthly, fortnightly or weekly, we are happy to assist you in calculating the required repayment amount. We would ask that you consider all the payment options available to you and make a commitment to one of them at the beginning of the year. If no payment mode is nominated it will be presumed that you will pay by term.

Direct Debit can commence at any time and is our preferred method of payment. We strongly urge you to consider setting up a direct debit for your school fees. If you would like more information or wish to commence Direct Debit please contact the office.

Alternative payment options are as follows;

- BPAY on statements
- Credit Card via remittance slip on statements
- EFTPOS at school
- Cash
- Centrepay – Centrelink can deduct school fee payments prior to paying you Centrelink benefits

The expectation in relation to payment of school fees is that once fees and credits are applied the balance is payable:

One third be paid by the end of 1st term 4th April 2025

Two thirds be paid by the end of 2nd term 4th July 2025

and the account be paid in full by the end of 3rd term 19th September 2025

If paying in one lump sum payment to be received by 4th April 2025

Unless otherwise organised, all school fee accounts should be paid in full by the end of Term Three - 19/09/2025.

Part of enrolling a student at school is signing to acknowledge both parents' commitment to pay all school fees. In the event of a relationship breakdown between parents (residential guardians) it is school policy that the balance owing on the school fee account will be split into two accounts and remain so until a written parenting agreement (which includes provisions for the school fees) is reached and provided to the school.

FEES FOR 2025

Fees per Family (per annum):

School Fee	\$1,060.00
Capital Fee	\$ 350.00
Volunteer Levy	\$ 50.00

Fees per Student (per annum):

Student Fee		\$340.00
Camp Fee *	Year 6	\$600.00
	Year 5	\$400.00
	Year 4	\$350.00
	Year 3	\$310.00
	Year 2	\$ 40.00
	Year 1	\$ 40.00
	Foundation	\$ 25.00

*The approximate cost for each camp is listed above. Any adjustment to the cost will be placed on your school fee account once set costs have been established.

If you give consent via PAM or permission form for your child to attend camp and they are unable to attend camp on the day due to illness, change of mind etc, you may not receive a full refund. This is because a number of aspects of camp must be prepaid, refunds will depend on what monies we can recoup from providers at the time.

Chromebook Fee	Year 3	\$420.00
	Year 2	\$210.00

*Commencing in 2025, Chromebook Fee will be charged over 2 years (\$210 per year) for students entering Year 2

Swimming Program	Year 1 to Year 5	\$ 12.00
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Our Swimming Program is heavily subsidised by State Government funding. The small fee, per child, is to assist with the cost of the bus travel.

Additional Fees

Town Bus	\$410.00 per annum per family
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