



SHALOM COLLEGE – TUITION FEES & LEVY SCHEDULE FOR 2024

The purpose of School Fees

Catholic schools are open to all who seek and support the values espoused by the school. The provision of Catholic schooling is made possible through parental payment of school fees and levies combined with funding support provided by Federal and State governments. The funding support recognises the rights of parents to exercise choice in their education providers. The continuing provision of quality Catholic Education for all students in the Diocese requires that all enrolling parents/caregivers pay school fees and levies as and when they fall due.

PER STUDENT	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
TUITION FEES	\$ 2607.60	\$ 2607.60	\$ 2607.60	\$ 2607.60	\$ 3222.40	\$ 3222.40
LEVIES	\$ 1918	\$ 1918	\$ 1918	\$ 1918	\$ 1971	\$ 1971
LAPTOP inc GST <i>(NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT)</i>	\$ 440	\$ 440	\$ 450	\$ 440	\$ 440	\$ 450

PER FAMILY

BUILDING LEVY <i>(NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT)</i>	\$ 615.60
PARENTS & FRIENDS LEVY <i>(NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT)</i>	\$ 60

Tuition Fees: Family discounts and Concession Card discounts apply on Tuition Fees only.

Levies include:

- School Based Levies - General administration expenses pertaining directly to students - curriculum resources, library resources.
- Specific Purpose Levies - Cost of photocopying of subject materials, providing materials for student use in practical subjects such as manual arts/art/photography, ingredients used in hospitality, entry fees to pool and other PE venues, local bus costs for excursions, calculator hire, Student Record Book, Calendar, Magazine, ID cards, subscriptions, affiliations to sporting bodies, workbooks
- Access to Family Zone membership
- Camps and Retreats
- Information Processing & Communication Levy - Technology software use throughout the curriculum involving access to school electronic data and the internet.
- Sport – Costs relating to school carnivals (swimming/cross country/athletics) and other intra-school sporting activities
- Online learning tools – Education Perfect / Maths Online / Atomi / Edrolo / Stile

Laptop Leasing Program:

Students in Yr 7 contribute \$440 per year for three years (Yrs 7-9) towards the purchase price of a college provided laptop.
 Students in Yr 8 have contributed \$440 in 2023 and will be asked to contribute \$440 in both 2024 and 2025 to own the device at the end of Year 9.
 Students in Yr 9 have contributed \$450 in 2022 and 2023 and will be asked to contribute \$450 again in 2024 to own the device at the end of Year 9.
 Students in Yr 10 contribute \$440 per year for three years (Yrs 10-12) towards the purchase price of a college provided laptop.
 Students in Yr 11 have contributed \$440 in 2023 and will be asked to contribute \$440 in both 2024 and 2025 to own the device at the end of Year 12.
 Students in Yr 12 have contributed \$450 in 2022 and 2023 and will be asked to contribute \$450 again in 2024 to own the device at the end of Year 12.

Building Levy:

Meeting the needs of students seeking a Catholic education requires significant capital works through building new schools/facilities, refurbishment, and maintenance. Capital works are supplemented through Building Levies charged to families through normal school fee billing processes. Where families attend a Diocesan Catholic primary school, the fee is charged once and collected by the Primary school. No tax deduction is possible, as this fee forms a collectable part of school fees.

OTHER CHARGES (NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CHARGES – A separate charge will appear on the annual school fee account.

CERTIFICATE COURSES - A separate charge will appear on the annual school fee account.

PRINT CHARGE – A \$20 print charge is included in each students' fees to cover the printing cost from computers. If this credit is used, students will be required to contribute a further amount towards their printing account.

Please turn over for information regarding discounts available and the payment of accounts.

For Catholic schools to operate effectively and provide high quality education, a reasonable fee structure is essential to meet the shortfall between the basic costs of running a school and the amount funded by governments. Catholic Education strives to keep fees as low as possible. To ensure that all families who seek a Catholic education for their child/ren is attainable, the following discounts may apply:

Family Discount

Families with more than one child in the same or other primary or secondary Catholic schools in the Rockhampton Diocese, receive fee discounts for the second, third and subsequent children. This information is collected at the beginning of each school year or at the time of enrolment and the discount is automatically applied.

Family Discount Structure (on tuition fees only):

<i>Students in Diocesan School</i>	One	Two	Three	Four or more
<i>Discount Percentage</i>	0%	12.5%	35%	50%

Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) schools offer fee concessions and payment options to support families and reduce the financial burden where financial hardship is experienced. Parents/Caregivers are responsible for advising the Principal of expected or known hardship circumstances to enable appropriate fee concessions to be established/adjusted. 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 for families experiencing hardship, who provide appropriate supporting evidence. Application is made directly to the Principal to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

An annual account will be generated at the start of the year and sent in Term 1 for Years 7-12.

Annual fees will be due 30 days after the statement is issued unless an agreed payment schedule or plan has been arranged. A single lump sum payment for the year is only available in advance within the 30 days after the statement is first issued. If fees are not paid by this due date nor an agreed payment schedule in place then Shalom College is obliged to follow a fee collection policy formulated by the Diocesan Catholic Education Office in Rockhampton.

A discount of 2.5% on Tuition Fees and Eligible Levies is available where the annual fees and levies charge is paid in full and received at the college within 30 days of the Term 1 statement issue date.

A discount of 1.5% on Tuition Fees and Eligible Levies is available where:

- (a) an approved regular payment schedule** has been established with the initial payment received at the college within 30 days of the Term 1 statement issue date **AND**
- (b) the periodic payments under the payment schedule are maintained AND**
- (c) the total annual fees and levies charge is paid in full and received at the college by Term 4 Week 4**, as per the approved payment schedule

Note: This discount does not apply to the Laptop Hire Levy, Building Levy, Parents & Friends Levy, Instrumental Music Charges or Certificate Course fees.

Approved regular payment schedules for Years 7-11 must be finalised by **Term 4 Week 4**

Approved regular payment schedules for Year 12's must be finalised by the **end of Term 3**

Where a family consists of a Year 12 student, together with additional students in lower grades, the combined payment plan should be finalised by **Term 4 Week 4**.

PAYMENT METHODS

Parent Lounge – secure method of payment by credit card for both school fees and excursions

BPAY - Biller Code and Reference Number will be found on Statements received

Automatic Credit Card Deductions / Direct Debit– Please contact the Finance Office for assistance. It is the family's responsibility to contact the Finance Office at the end of each school year to review their payments and bring them in line with the following year's schedule of fees and levies and to monitor and ensure that these payments are occurring as planned throughout the year.

Electronic Funds Transfer - using your account code as the reference. Bank details will appear on the Fee Statement.

Centrepay – Centrepay is a voluntary and easy payment option available to Centrelink customers.

Cash/Cheque/EFTPOS in person at the finance office