



SHALOM COLLEGE – TUITION FEES & LEVY SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Federal and State governments acknowledge the right of parents to choose the school which best suits their children's needs for educational, religious, cultural or other reasons.

However, in comparison with funds spent on students in government schools, government funds committed to non-government schools remain limited. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of the College.

PER STUDENT	JUNIOR SCHOOL		SENIOR SCHOOL	
	YEARS 7-9	YEAR 10	YEARS 11-12	
TUITION FEES	\$ 2120	\$ 2120	\$ 2600	Family discounts apply on Tuition Fees only. See below for more details.
LEVIES	\$ 1385	\$ 1385	\$ 1445	** See below for more details on Levies.
LAPTOP		\$ 400 (inc GST)	Yr 11 - \$400 (inc GST) Yr 12 - \$391 (inc GST)	Students in Yr 10 contribute \$400 per year for three years towards the purchase price of a college provided laptop. The student then takes the device with them as they leave the college. Students in Yr 11 have contributed \$400 in 2017 and will be asked to contribute \$400 per year in 2018 and 2019 to enable them to take the device with them as they leave in November 2019. Students in Yr 12 have contributed \$391 in 2016 and 2017 and will be asked to contribute \$391 again in 2018 to enable them to take the device with them as they leave in November 2018.

PER FAMILY

ADMINISTRATION LEVY	\$ 40	This levy is discounted if accounts are paid by the due date. If accounts are not paid within 14 days, this levy is to cover recovery costs.
BUILDING LEVY – DIOCESAN SECONDARY COLLEGES	\$ 485	Each family will be charged a building levy of \$121.25 per term in conjunction with normal school fee billings except where families have children attending diocesan catholic primary schools. This is a compulsory diocesan levy. As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible. This levy will assist in meeting the cost of servicing our capital debt and the cost of construction of further facilities at Shalom. Families with children enrolled at diocesan catholic primary schools will be charged a Building Levy at the primary school.
PARENTS & FRIENDS LEVY	\$ 60	Each family will be charged \$15 per term to support the work of the Shalom College P&F Association and is in lieu of all other major P&F fundraising.

** 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.
- 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.

Other Charges – Separate charges will appear on term fee accounts for items such as workbooks issued to students, excursions outside of the local area, Instrumental Music lessons, Certificate courses.

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.

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:

1. **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):

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

2. **Concession Card Discount**

A 70% Tuition Fee Discount is available to holders of a 'means-tested' government Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card. This discount does not apply to school levies. Card holders are required to advise the school of their concession card at enrolment or when the card is gained. Once the card is sighted by the school's administration, tuition fees for future terms will be adjusted. This initiative is intended to assist those families who genuinely do not have the financial capacity to pay tuition fees in full.

Our Catholic Education policy on school fees states that, "no student should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents/carers/guardians to pay the prescribed fee – in whole or in part". New or existing parents who are experiencing financial hardship and, may or may not hold a concession card, are encouraged to discuss possible fee discounts directly with the Principal who will treat the situation confidentially.

Please turn over for information regarding the payment of accounts.

PAYMENT OF TERM ACCOUNTS

Fees and levies are billed by the term ie four equal amounts charged at the beginning of each term and are payable within 14 days to secure a \$10 per term early payment discount.

Some families may prefer an alternative to paying the term's fees within 14 days. Any of the following options is acceptable.

1. For the term within 14 days
2. For the year (in advance only)
3. By Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or Credit Card
4. BPAY (Biller Code and Reference Number will be found on Statements received.)
5. By Automatic Master/Visa Card deductions monthly – this is available by signing a yearly authorisation stating the date and amount you wish to be charged to your credit card. **Families are asked to contact the Finance Office at the end of each school year in order to review their payments and bring them in line with the following year's schedule of fees and levies.**
6. By Electronic Funds Transfer (Direct Debit) to the Shalom bank account. We can set this up for you through the Diocesan Office at no charge. Transfers can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly for twelve months of the year. **Families are asked to contact the Finance Office at the end of each school year in order to review their payments and bring them in line with the following year's schedule of fees and levies.**
7. By Electronic Funds Transfer via the Internet.
8. By Centrepay - Shalom College is registered with Centrepay

Please note:

Shalom College is obliged to follow a fee collection policy formulated by the Diocesan Catholic Education Office in Rockhampton. This policy stipulates that a 14 day payment period is to be allowed. If the debt remains unpaid and no contact has been made with the College it may be placed in the hands of a debt collection agency.