

School Fees 2023



12 October 2022

Dear Parents

Our school fees for 2023 are outlined below for both full fee paying families and those that qualify for fee relief.

1. **SCHOOL FEE of \$995 per family, per year** (regardless of the number of children in the family).

The money raised from school fees goes towards pastoral care and the general recurrent running costs associated with administering and maintaining our school buildings and grounds. This fee also includes the cost of our school magazine. Each family will be provided with one copy and may purchase extra copies at the end of the year.

2. **CAPITAL FEE of \$125 per family, per year** (regardless of the number of children in the family).

Works of a capital nature (new buildings, major renovations and maintenance, major equipment purchases etc.) are the responsibility of the school community.

3. **CURRICULUM LEVIES of \$360 per student, per year**

These levies cover student's stationery, subject levies, computer materials, computer internet access time and technology maintenance needs, materials, books, educational entertainment, swimming, and excursions.

Classroom Levy (incl. Technology levy)	\$ 260
Excursion/Swimming Levy	100*
	\$ 360

50% concession for the Classroom Levy is available for 3rd and subsequent children in a family.

4. **CONTINUOUS RAFFLE of \$30 per year, per family** (regardless of the number of children in the family).

This is a **non-compulsory** donation to fundraising for our school Community Club. The raffle is drawn at school assembly four times each term. It will also include tickets in our Easter and Christmas raffles, however will *exclude* tickets in our major fundraising raffle. Families pay \$30 each year to go into all the draws. The \$30 is itemised on your school fee account. If you do not wish to participate, you need to indicate on the 2023 School Fee Payment Option Form. Donations of prizes are required from as many families as possible. Your contribution will be very much appreciated.

CAMPS for 2023

Camps for 2023 are yet to be determined. Estimated cost will be advised and included on fee statements as early as possible in 2023.

Camp fees will automatically be added to direct debit calculations as early as possible in 2023 unless you opt out.

FULL FEE PAYING FAMILIES

School Fees (applies to each family):

Tuition Fee	\$ 995
Capital Fee	\$ 125
	\$ 1,120

Curriculum Levies (applies to each child):

Classroom Levy (incl. Tech. levy)	\$ 260
Excursion/Swimming Levy	\$ 100 *
	\$ 360

Continuous Raffle (applies to each family):

\$ 30

This table summarises the total cost for full fee paying families according to the number of children that they have attending St Joseph's in 2023:

Cost per year according to students at school		Direct Debit Charges	
		Fortnightly (16 payments Feb until Sept)	Monthly (8 payments Feb until Sept)
1 child attending school	\$1,510	\$94.38	\$188.75
2 children attending school	\$1,870	\$116.88	\$233.75
3 children attending school	\$2,100	\$131.25	\$262.50
4 children attending school	\$2,330	\$145.63	\$291.25
Direct debit amount will be automatically adjusted to include camp fees (unless you opt out) as early as possible in 2023			

FEE RELIEF FAMILIES

Students won't be excluded from St Joseph's because of their parents' inability to pay fees. Fee relief application forms are available from the office and an appointment with the Principal can be arranged to discuss fee concessions. Families that have a valid means-tested concession card usually qualify for the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) and Family Fee Assistance (FFA) Scheme, which allows considerable discounts to school fees.

The Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) is a Victorian Government initiative that provides the school with \$125 per child for families that hold a valid means-tested concession card. This can be used to ensure students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. This discount will be applied to the excursion and swimming levy outlined in the Curriculum Levies above (*). The remaining money will be used to reduce costs for school camps. For those families who are eligible for the CSEF, application forms need to be completed at the beginning of the year.

The Family Fee Assistance (FFA) Scheme is available to families eligible for the CSEF Allowance in all Diocesan Catholic Primary schools. Although a family may be eligible to receive a fee discount, families may choose not to apply for the fee discount and pay the full school fee. Families that qualify for the scheme will pay \$520 per annum for school fees. The discount Family Fee Assistance Scheme covers tuition and capital fees only, which means parents will also need to pay the applicable Curriculum Levies for each child/family. This discount will be applied to fee statements when parents have shown a commitment to paying their fees. This will usually happen in second or third term.

This table summarises the total cost for fee relief families (who have displayed a commitment towards making fee contributions as indicated by July) according to the number of children they have attending St Joseph's in 2023:

Cost per year according to students at school		Direct Debit Charges	
		Fortnightly (16 payments Feb until Sept)	Monthly (8 payments Feb until Sept)
1 child attending school	\$810	\$50.63	\$101.25
2 children attending school	\$1,070	\$66.88	\$133.75
3 children attending school	\$1,200	\$75.00	\$150.00
4 children attending school	\$1,330	\$83.13	\$166.25
Direct debit amount will be automatically adjusted to include camp fees (unless you opt out) as early as possible in 2023			

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

You may be eligible to claim the **Conveyance Allowance** if you -

- live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the nearest school attended
- are enrolled at the nearest government primary or secondary school, or at the nearest appropriate registered non-government school having regard to the following factors:
 - a) a student is ineligible for a conveyance allowance if there is a closer denominational school of the same denomination as the school attended, eg. if you live closer to St Paul's Primary School or Sacred Heart Primary School in Mildura
 - b) if there is a free bus available.

If you think you are eligible for the Conveyance Allowance, please obtain the relevant form from the school office.

PAYMENT METHODS AVAILABLE

* Direct Debit * Centrepay

Fees may be paid in the following ways:

1. Fortnightly or monthly direct debit – paid by Friday 15 September 2023 (end of term 3)
2. Centrepay – paid by Friday 15 September 2023 (end of term 3)

All fees (including camp fees) are due by Friday 15 September 2023 (end of term 3) unless alternative arrangements are made.

EXPECTATION & COMMITMENT

Each family is expected to pay their school fees as our school budget is reliant on this income to cover recurrent costs.

We ask that you please complete our School Fee Declaration & Payment Option Form indicating your preferred method of payment and return to school by Friday 28 October 2022.

Yours sincerely



Naomi Kennedy
Principal