



Schedule of Fees 2023

A faith community, learning together, spreading the Good News of Jesus through positive relationships, trust and love.

1st December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone in our school community works tirelessly together to ensure all Learners at St Mary's, get the best possible opportunities in their education. Part of this is making sure the school has the resources to meet our student's needs. We all have a responsibility and a role to play in ensuring the ongoing management of the school's resources and it is for this reason that I write to you today.

Catholic schools operate on approximately 80% of the funding of what the state schools receive from the Government. Even with fewer resources from State and Federal Governments, the Catholic system is amongst the best in the world. Through school fees parents help to reduce the gap from 20% to around 10%. Even though it may not seem like much individually, when all families contribute to the financial needs of the school via fees it makes a huge difference to the opportunities children at St Mary's can receive.

Please take your time to view our fee structure and plan how you can meet this in a way that suits you and your families other commitments.

If you hold a Health Care / Pensioner concession card you may be able to access CSEF assistance which contributes to your child's Camps, Sports and Excursions. This allowance is paid directly to the school and deducted from your fees. A form to apply for CSEF is attached.

St. Mary's and CES Sandhurst expected payment of fees as of 2023 is Direct Debit. The school directly debits a specified amount from your bank account on a Friday and can be set up for weekly, fortnightly, monthly on the 19th, quarterly or annual installments. A direct debiting authorisation form has been attached. Any alternate payment method must be discussed and approved by the Principal.

Centrepay is also another option, and fees are paid directly to the school from payments received from Family Tax A and B. If this option is of interest to you, please request a form from the school office.

It is the school's belief that no child will be denied an opportunity to attend St Mary's Echuca due to financial hardship. As Principal of St Mary's I am always available to meet parents to discuss any hardships around paying school fees. There is an opportunity to apply for financial assistance from the school to help alleviate any issues around school fees if the need occurs. Our school fee policy and procedures have also been included for your understanding and future budgeting. This policy can be found on St Mary's website and on our parent management platform if you need to refer to it at any time.

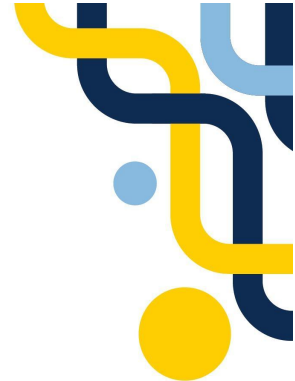
Attached is St Mary's school fee and levy structure for 2023 - as a reference. Schools in Catholic Education are advised to increase fees annually in accordance with the Educational Consumer Price Index. Our school fees and levies ensure St Mary's can cover daily running costs as well as educational resources for our Learners.

If you have any queries pertaining to fees, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jasmine Ryan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jasmine Ryan



School Fees & Levies 2023

Fees/Levies	1 Child	2 Children	3+ Children
Family School Fee	\$1340	\$1650	\$1905
Learning Levy (per child)	\$475	\$950	\$1425
Learning Experiences (per child)	\$145	\$290	\$435
ICT Levy	\$50	\$100	\$150
Capital & Maintenance Levy	\$250 one payment per family		
TOTAL	\$2260	\$3240	\$4165
Per Week (40 wks)	\$57	\$81	\$105
Per Term	\$565	\$810	\$1041.25

Students in Years 3 - 6 attend camp, please add this to your fee total if you have a child in Year 3 - 6.

Camp Fees	1 Child
Year Three	\$55
Year Four	\$220
Year Five	\$275
Year Six	\$330

Fees / Levy Descriptions

Family School Fee	The Family School fee is a <i>one off family fee</i> that contributes to the daily running costs of the school Eg: insurance, utilities. This is paid once per family depending on the number of children who attend.
Learning Levy	The Learning Levy covers costs for classroom and stationary supplies, a contribution to ICT Leases and maintenance as well as Specialists Curriculum resources and activities.
Learning Experience Levy	The Learning Experience Levy covers all extracurricular learning experiences such as; excursions, incursions and sporting commitments.

ICT Levy	The ICT Levy contributes to the leasing of devices, subscriptions and multimedia resources and facilities that are used to engage and enhance learning and teaching throughout the school.
Capital / Maintenance Levy	The Capital / Maintenance Levy covers regular school yard and building maintenance and improvement. It covers the care of the grounds and basic upkeep of buildings and facilities.

Fees and levies are collected over a period of 10 months and weekly payments have been divided over the 40 week school year.

Yearly school fees are expected to be paid in full by the end of November annually.