

# St. John the Baptist

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

2 September 2024

Dear Families,

### **2025 STATEMENT OF FEES**

Thank you for the supportive manner in which you have engaged over recent months with the Advice pieces explaining the changes to Non-Government school funding. This information provides the important context for families to help understand the changes to Government funding of Non-Government schools, and the impact of the Federal Government's assessment of means tested affordability (Capacity to Contribute) through school fees. The four Advice pieces are available on our school website for your perusal. I am always happy to discuss school funding with you, should you have any queries.

#### All-Inclusive Education Fee and Building Levy

The fourth Advice piece introduced our new, simple and transparent fee structure. Rather than a tuition fee plus numerous levies and charges, from 2025 we will present our school fees as an All-Inclusive Education fee that covers the curriculum offering of the school. The only other charge is a Building Levy, which funds the capital costs of providing contemporary and educationally engaging spaces for our students and staff. We do offer some activities that fall outside the curriculum offerings of the school, which will be charged as Specific Purpose charges.

#### 2025 Statement of Fees

I include with this letter the 2025 Statement of Fees. The fees are presented as annual, term, and weekly fees. The schedule also provides details of available payment options. Consistent with previous years, we offer family and concession card discounts to eligible families, and support for any of our families experiencing periods of financial hardship. Please do not hesitate to contact the school finance officer to discuss affordability concerns, payment options, and to establish a suitable payment plan.

Once again, thank you sincerely for your support of St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries that you may have.

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Emerick,  
Principal.

# 2025 Schedule of Fees



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, as an authentic Catholic school, provides a comprehensive curriculum, committed and dedicated staff, and contemporary resources and facilities to meet the needs of our students. To support the provision of outstanding educational service to the community, school fees are set at an appropriate level.

## FEE SCHEDULE

All-Inclusive Education Fee	\$2,724
Building Levy	\$330
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL FEES PER STUDENT</b>	<b>\$3,054</b>

## Fee Schedule with Family Discount applied to All-Inclusive Education Fee

Students in Catholic Schools	One	Two	Three	Four +
Per Week	\$76	\$71	\$63	\$56
Per Term	\$763	\$713	\$627	\$559
Per Year	\$3,054	\$2,850	\$2,509	\$2,237

The amounts noted above are per student. Fee schedules are reviewed and approved annually and published in advance of the forthcoming year. Fees may be subject to change, without notice, as a result of changes to Australian legislation and/or regulations. Catholic Schools referred to above include Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton. Per week fees are based on 40 payment weeks per year.

## FEE DESCRIPTION

### All-Inclusive Education Fee

Our school maintains an All-Inclusive Education fee structure, which covers the curriculum offerings of the school, including:

- All tuition, subject, resourcing<sup>1</sup> and textbook costs (excluding stationery items)
- Student electronic device<sup>2</sup>, carry bag<sup>2</sup>, technology licences, educational software, extended warranty, comprehensive insurance cover, and full service and maintenance conducted by school technicians<sup>2</sup>. The All-Inclusive Education Fee will absorb pre-existing device payment arrangements.
- Day only school excursions and "Whole of year level" overnight camps
- Parents and Friends Levy
- "Whole of year level" instrumental music program".

#### Notes:

1. Necessary consumables attributed to school subjects
2. Students will be issued with a device and carry bag. Repair or replacement due to wear and tear, damages or loss will be charged as Specific Purpose charges.

Please note: Whilst the All-Inclusive Education fee includes "Whole of Year level" overnight camps and excursions, refunds do not apply for non-attendance at any of these activities.

### Building Levy

The Building Levy supports the provision of contemporary and educationally engaging spaces for our students and staff.

The Building Levy is a per student contribution towards funding the significant capital works required to build, refurbish and maintain high quality facilities necessary to meet student education needs.



## Specific Purpose Charges

Specific Purpose charges are additional and apply to activities that fall outside the curriculum offerings of the school, including:

- Co-curricular activities, camps and tours e.g., instrumental music lessons
- Extra-curricular activities such as Challenge Cup, Athletics Club
- Special events such as Graduation dinners, and optional family events.

## Enrolling Students

Enrolment Processing Fee of \$30 is non-refundable.

## Discounts



### Family Discount

A **Family Discount** is offered to families with 2 or more children attending Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) schools, as follows:

- 2 siblings attending CEDR schools:  
7.5% discount applied to the All-Inclusive Education fee of all siblings
- 3 siblings attending CEDR schools:  
20.0% discount applied to the All-Inclusive Education fee of all siblings
- 4 or more siblings attending CEDR schools:  
30.0% discount applied to the All-Inclusive Education fee of all siblings.

Family discounts are applied for each year, by completing the Confirmation of Enrolment form issued to all families.



### Concession Card Discount

A **Concession Card Discount** is offered to families who hold a 'means tested' Government Health Care or Pensioner Concession card. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply.

- For eligible families: **40%** discount is applied to the All-inclusive Education fee of all eligible students from the family.

## BILLING ARRANGEMENTS

Fee statements are issued quarterly, by week 2 of each term.

## PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Accounts must be paid in full by the due date shown on the fee statement, unless an approved payment plan arrangement is in place. Parents wishing to pay school fees by instalments can apply for a payment plan. Payment plans can accommodate weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments. Please contact the school finance office to establish a payment plan arrangement.

### Option 1: Payment in full

Families who wish to pay School Fees in full by the due date can access any of the following payment options: Parent Orbit App, Parent Lounge, or Bpay. Fees can also be paid at the school finance office by cash, Eftpos or credit card.

### Option 2: Payment Plan arrangement

Families who wish to pay School Fees via instalment should contact the school finance office before the statement due date to arrange a payment plan. Families are encouraged to advise the school of their intention to take up this option as early

as practicable, to enable payment plans to commence earlier. Payment plans can involve weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalment payments and should be concluded by end of term.

If students leave the school prior to the end of the school year, all fees payable up to the leaving date, including any arrears, are to be paid in full by the leaving date.

## SCHOOL FEE ASSISTANCE

The School requests that all families contact the school finance office if requiring any payment assistance. Parents unable to make payments prior to the statement due dates must make arrangements with the school finance office prior to the school fee statement due date. For families with an approved Payment Plan arrangement, contact must be made with the school finance office immediately upon missing a payment to make suitable alternative arrangements.

Our Principal will consider applications for school fee concession for families experiencing financial hardship, who provide appropriate supporting evidence. Application is made directly to the Principal to ensure confidentiality is maintained.

## ENQUIRIES

School Finance Office: Ph: (07) 4978 1799 or email: [sjg\\_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sjg_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au).