



# FEES SCHEDULE 2024

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6



St Catherine's  
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# St Catherine's School fee schedule exists to ensure a fair and equitable school fee setting and collection processes apply to all enrolled families. This is underpinned by the overarching SACCS policy that a family's circumstances should not be a barrier to a student accessing a Catholic Education.

Both St Catherine's School and Parents/Guardians enter a partnership to engage, encourage and support their child's education. This relationship extends to families acting in good faith to fulfil their financial obligations to the school through their adherence to the agreed fee arrangements.

School fees are approved each year by the School Board based on the financial requirements of the school to maintain a level of educational quality for its students, whilst at the same time having consideration for the community in which it serves. Fees are disclosed in term 4 for the subsequent year. School fees cover tuition, materials resources, and levies, it also includes the costs for the annual water safety program.

St Catherine's School fees are billed in full at the commencement of the school year and statements are distributed by the end of week 2 of Term 1 with subsequent statements issued at the start of each term thereafter. Term 3 Reception intake fees will be waived for 2024.

Students are enrolled with the expectation that fees will be paid in the year in which they are incurred. Discounts for siblings and early payment are available, as are remissions for financial difficulty.

## FEES

St Catherine's School offers a two tiered fee structure to help enable equity within its fees billing.

	Full Fee 2024	Low Income Fee 2024
Rec-Y6	\$3,900	\$2,340
T3 Rec intake	Nil	Nil

Eligibility for low income fees is assessed via the School Card System and this is an annual application/ assessment facilitated by the South Australian Government. As a guide the 2023 School Card eligibility joint family income limit ranges between \$66,412 - \$71,156 (depending on the number of children).

The School Card application process can be accessed online at: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>.

## Financial difficulty remission

Financial difficulty remissions may be available for those families just outside of the School Card income limit or those experiencing significant financial hardship. Financial difficulty remissions are assessed on a case-by-case basis and would require supporting evidence to be provided. Application forms are available on the St Catherine's School website. We encourage families to contact either the Finance Officer or Principal to discuss fee support. All fee arrangements are treated in the strictest confidence.

## Acceptance Fee

When enrolments are accepted a non-refundable deposit of \$200 is payable per student. This will be credited towards your child's fees in the year they commence.

## Enrolment Commencing after the start of the School Year

The annual school fee will be pro-rated to reflect the number of weeks left in the school year. Any other charges (eg camps or Yr5/6 MacBook Program Fee) will be charged in full.

## Costs not covered by 2024 Fee

Uniforms, sporting carnivals, after school sports and extra curricula clubs, individual music tuition, out of hours school care, Yr 5/6 MacBook Program and Camp Years 3/4/5/6.

Costs may apply to rectify damages to laptops under the ICT Acceptable Use Policy and Laptop Agreement.

## Camp

Camp costs are all inclusive they cover transport, accommodation, meals and activities (where applicable).

Year3/4 biannual sleepover – approx. \$25

Year 5 two nights at Mylor Adventure Camp – approx. \$360

Year 6 three night trip to Kangaroo Island – approx. \$1,000

# DISCOUNTS

## Sibling Discount

Discounts are available for families with more than one student attending St Catherine's School.

No. of Children	Sibling Discount 2024	Full Fee Total 2024
1 Child	\$0	\$ 3,900
2 Children	\$780	\$ 7,020
3 Children	\$1,755	\$ 9,945
4 Children	\$3,900	\$11,700

No. of Children	Sibling Discount 2024	Low Income Fee Total 2024
1 Child	\$0	\$2,340
2 Children	\$468	\$4,212
3 Children	\$1,053	\$5,967
4 Children	\$1,428	\$7,020

## Early Payment Discount

Accounts paid in full by the 1 March 2024 will receive a 2% discount off the net tuition fee (net of sibling and other discounts).

# PAYMENT OF FEES

Accounts not paid in full by the 1 March 2024 must enter into an agreed payment plan.

The following payment plans are offered:

- **Three Equal Instalments** (31 March, 30 June, 30 September)
- **Monthly** - 10 payments (Feb-Nov) due 14<sup>th</sup> day of each month. Direct debit preferred.
- **Fortnightly**-20payments (Feb-Nov) due 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month . Direct debit preferred.

Our preferred payment plan method is direct debit; however we also accept BPay, QKR, or EFTPOS at the front desk.

Direct Debit authority forms are available on the St Catherine's School website.

Each family is to complete Payment plan agreement eform for 2024.

St Catherine's School fee policy requires payment of accounts in full by the 30 November 2024.

Example Installments:

Full Fee	Three Equal 3 Payments	Monthly 10 Payments	Fortnightly 20 Payments
1 Child	\$1,300	\$390	\$ 195
2 Children	\$2,340	\$702	\$351
3 Children	\$3,315	\$994.50	\$497.25
4 Children	\$3,900	\$1,170	\$585

Low Income Fee	Three Equal 3 Payments	Monthly 10 Payments	Fortnightly 20 Payments
1 Child	\$780	\$234	\$ 117
2 Children	\$1,404	\$421.20	\$210.60
3 Children	\$1,989	\$596.70	\$298.35
4 Children	\$2,340	\$702	\$351

Failure to pay accounts by the 30 November 2024 (or to have entered into and maintained an agreed payment plan) will trigger a \$50 late payment fee and may result in the account being forwarded to a debt collection agency.

In all circumstances, if families are experiencing difficulty in managing fee payments, we urge families to discuss this with the Finance Officer or Principal as soon as possible so that a suitable arrangement may be negotiated.



## SPLITTING OF FEES

It is the legal responsibility of each signatory on the enrolment contract to pay all fees and charges owing. Family accounts will be billed as per the enrolment contract. Where this represents a separated family, the school expects the enrolling parents/caregivers to work out payment arrangements between themselves to ensure the account is paid each year.

The school does not offer split billing. If required separate copies of accounts may be sent to both enrolling parents/caregivers.

## WITHDRAWAL OF A STUDENT

Parents/caregivers whose child/ren leave St Catherine's during a school term or at the end of the school year are required to provide a minimum of one term's notice in writing to the Principal prior to the student leaving. This is applicable to both current and future students where enrolment acceptance has been confirmed.

Failure to provide a full terms notice will result in fees being charged for the following term. Where the withdrawal occurs at the end of the year notice must be made in Term 3. Failure to provide notice in Term 3 will result in fees being charged for the first term of following year.

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