

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you about the 2024 School Fee Schedule.

School Fee Schedule 2024

Family Fee	\$1,440	per Family
Capital & Maintenance Levy	\$160	per Family
Student Levy	\$300	per Child
Swimming	\$90	per Child
ICT & Curriculum Levy - Foundation to Year 4	\$125	per Child
ICT & Curriculum Levy - Years 5/6	\$240	per Child
Junior Years (Foundation to Year 2) Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$60	per Child
Year 3 Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$100	per Child
Year 4 Camp	\$260	per Child
Year 5 Excursion/Incursion Levy	\$100	per Child
Year 6 Camp	\$360	per Child

School Fee Structure

The School Fee Structure has been set for the 2024 year.

The policy of the school is that no child will be excluded from school if families have genuine financial difficulty. Families experiencing financial difficulty need to contact the school Principal, so alternative arrangements can be made. Such arrangements are strictly confidential.

In 2024, our family fee per family is \$1,440.

Curriculum & ICT Levy

The Curriculum and ICT Levy fee covers part of the cost of supplies and resources for classroom and specialist classes e.g. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics, Performing Arts, Italian, Physical Education and Learning Enrichment.

It also assists the school with iPads for Junior Years (Foundation – Year 2), one between two and bank of Apple laptops for Years 3-4. The levy is higher in Year 5/6 as each child has their own Apple laptop for use at school. Next year we have bought new laptops for Year 3-6.

The student levy goes towards the cost incurred in providing quality programs and resources in each curriculum area. This includes library books, licensing, Math's equipment, readers, sports equipment, books, exercise books, art supplies teacher resources and assessment materials.

Camps, Sports & Excursion (CSE) Levy

In 2024, we have changed some of our camps and excursions.

Foundation – Year 3 & 5 will have excursions and a number of incursions at school e.g. Mad about Science and other programs that come to our school.

We will have a Year 4 & 6 camp. Information and dates will be given to parents shortly.

We also have the Resilience Project that will be offering programs at our school and an online for students, parents, and staff.

Payment of School Fees & Levies

The range of educational opportunities and experiences has been offered within the context of our budget. It will therefore be important that payment of fees and levies are honored. We are very aware of these rising costs for families, and this is given careful consideration in the process of setting school fees and levies. However, due to Government school funding agreements, there is an expectation that Catholic school communities contribute to the cost of education.

To assist families, we encourage payment via direct debit. This allows for regular payments to be made equally over the school year. Direct Debit Request forms are available from the office or the school website. Please note: If your current payment arrangement is via direct debit, a new form is required for each school year.

Payment Options

All fees and levies for the year will be billed at the start of the school year. Families will receive a school fee statement in early February 2024. Families will receive additional statements once per month during the year. The school provides a number of options for the payment of school fees and levies.

Payment in Full:	Fees paid in full at the beginning of the school year.
Payment per Term:	Fees paid at the beginning of each term with the final payment due at the start of 4 th Term 2024.
<u>EFTPOS</u> :	Payments can be made at the office using your debit or credit card.
<u>Direct Debit</u> :	Payments made fortnightly (Friday only, commencing Friday, 9 th February 2024) from your nominated bank account. Please collect a form from the office or download a direct debit request form from our School Website; <u>www.sbshepparton.catholic.edu.au</u>
	Please note: A new Direct Debit form must be completed at the start of each school year.

If you have any questions regarding school fees, levies or payment options please contact the office.

Yours Sincerely,

Paula Stevenson

Paula Stevenson (Principal)