



St Mary MacKillop School

“Our commitment to our school families is to offer a high-quality Catholic education that is accessible and affordable to all.”

School Fee Schedule 2023

The 2023 school fees schedule has been developed in consultation with the School’s Finance Committee and approved by the School Board. It considers the priorities in our School Strategic Plan and the recommendation from Catholic Education for the 2023 school year.

‘Making Catholic Education More Affordable’ initiative

Under the direction of Catholic Education SA, and in support of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) ‘Making Catholic Education More Affordable’ initiative, **our school fees will not be increasing for the 2023 school year.** We proudly announced the Catholic Education SA ‘freeze on fees’ to our school families during Term 3, 2022. This decision underpins our commitment to our school families to offer a high quality Catholic education that is accessible and affordable for all families.

Simple Fee Structure

Our simple fee structure provides a clear picture of the annual school fees. Fees are a per student charge based on either the full fee; or lower fee for families on low income, to reinforce the absolute priority that Catholic Education is accessible to all families.

Annual School Fees 2023 (R-6)

Annual School Fees 2023 (7-9)

Full Fee per Student (R-6)	\$1,790	Full Fee per Student (7-9)	\$1,990
Lower Income Fee per Student (R-6)	\$1,074	Lower Income Fee per Student (7-9)	\$1,194

What is included?

The school fees above cover all tuition, levies, and charges for each child’s education. This is based on the first child in each family. Extracurricular activities, excursions, camps (not included in the above school fees) and the bus levy are excluded and will be invoiced separately.

Lower Income Fee

To be eligible for the Lower Income Fee (40% remission), families need to qualify as a low-income family. This is determined by the qualifying criteria and income thresholds of the State Government’s School Card scheme. The thresholds will be advised as soon as this is provided by the State Government at the start each new school year.

Families will be able to apply for the School Card scheme early in Term 1. Forms will be available from the School.

We encourage families to apply via the school not directly via the School Card website. This will ensure all applications are completed correctly and alleviate the difficulty of amending applications, as experienced in the past.

Proof of income is also required for families previously accessing the Tier 2 fee level. Please email Julia Hammill finance@stmm.catholic.edu.au or phone 8821 5800 at the start of the new school year to apply for the Lower Income Fee.

Sibling Discount

Sibling discount will continue to be offered to families with more than one student attending our school, at the same time – 15% for second child and 25% for third and subsequent child/ren. The discount will be applied to siblings across Reception to Year 9.

Refer to the tables below to determine the annual school fees (Full Fee and Lower Income Fee), with sibling discount applied. The **BLUE TABLE** is for families with children in Reception to Year 6 only. The **GREEN TABLE** is for families with children in Middle School, Years 7-9, only.

Families with children enrolled across Reception to Year 9, are asked to email Julia Hamill at finance@stmm.catholic.edu.au to confirm the annual school fee cost, with sibling discount.

Annual Family Fee with Sibling Discount (Reception-Year 6 Students)

Reception-Year 6 Full Fee 2023 (with Sibling Discount)				Reception-Year 6 Lower Income Fee 2023 (with Sibling Discount)			
No. of Children	Discount per Child	Fee per Child	Total Fee 2022	No. of Children	Discount per Child	Fee per Child	Total Fee 2022
1 st Child	0%	\$1,790	\$1,790	1 st Child	0%	\$1,074	\$1,074
2 nd Child	15%	\$1,521	\$3,311	2 nd Child	15%	\$913	\$1,987
3 rd Child	25%	\$1,342	\$4,653	3 rd Child	25%	\$805	\$2,792
4 th Child	25%	\$1,342	\$5,995	4 th Child	25%	\$805	\$3,597

Annual Family Fee with Sibling Discount (7-9 Students)

Middle School (7-9) Full Fee 2023 (with Sibling Discount)				Middle School (7-9) Lower Income Fee 2023 (with Sibling Discount)			
No. of Children	Discount per Child	Fee per Child	Total Fee 2022	No. of Children	Discount per Child	Fee per Child	Total Fee 2022
1 st Child	0%	\$1,990	\$1,990	1 st Child	0%	\$1,194	\$1,194
2 nd Child	15%	\$1,691	\$3,681	2 nd Child	15%	\$1,015	\$2,209
3 rd Child	25%	\$1,492	\$5,173	3 rd Child	25%	\$895	\$3,104
4 th Child	25%	\$1,492	\$6,665	4 th Child	25%	\$895	\$3,999

When determining whether a family is eligible to receive this discount, consideration will be given to circumstances such as whether the children are all enrolled under the same party's name or if the family member can demonstrate full financial responsibility for the children's school fees.

Billing of School Fees

School fees will be invoiced by Week 2, Term 1, each year. Tax invoices will be distributed to families via Australia Post. Presently, statements are not distributed electronically due to the possibility of third-party interception and breach of family's privacy. This is a directive of Catholic Education SA not a school-based decision.

Payment Plan Agreement Form (Appendix A)

All families must complete the attached 'Payment Plan Agreement Form' indicating their payment preference for each year.

Early Payment Discount

A 5% Early Payment discount is offered to families wishing to pay the annual school fees in full prior to 1 March.

Payment Plans

Families not paying in full by 1 March will be required to establish an agreed payment plan to ensure annual school fees are paid in full within the calendar year. The frequency of payment is either weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or quarterly with complying payments, as shown on the tables overleaf.

Reception-Year 6 Students Payment Plan

Reception to Year 6 Full Fee Payment Plan 2023						
No. of Children per Family	Total Family School Fees 2023	Pay in Full (Prior 1 March for 5% Discount)	Weekly (40 Weeks)	Fortnightly (20 Fortnights)	Monthly (11 Months)	Quarterly (March, June, September)
1 st Child	\$1,790	\$1,700	\$45	\$90	\$163	\$597
2 nd Child	\$3,311	\$3,145	\$83	\$166	\$301	\$1,103
3 rd Child	\$4,653	\$4,420	\$116	\$232	\$423	\$1,550
4 th Child	\$5,995	\$5,695	\$150	\$300	\$545	\$1,998

Reception to Year 6 Lower Income Fee Payment Plan 2023						
No. of Children per Family	Total Family School Fees 2023	Pay in Full (Prior 1 March for 5% Discount)	Weekly (40 Weeks)	Fortnightly (20 Fortnights)	Monthly (11 Months)	Quarterly (March, June, September)
1 st Child	\$1,074	\$1,020	\$27	\$54	\$98	\$358
2 nd Child	\$1,986	\$1,888	\$50	\$100	\$180	\$662
3 rd Child	\$2,791	\$2,652	\$70	\$140	\$254	\$930
4 th Child	\$3,596	\$3,417	\$90	\$180	\$327	\$1,119

Middle School (Year 7-9) Payment Plan

Middle School (7-9) Full Fee Payment Plan 2023						
No. of Children per Family	Total Family School Fees 2023	Pay in Full (Prior 1 March for 5% Discount)	Weekly (40 Weeks)	Fortnightly (20 Fortnights)	Monthly (11 Months)	Quarterly (March, June, September)
1 st Child	\$1,990	\$1,890	\$50	\$100	\$181	\$664
2 nd Child	\$3,681	\$3,496	\$92	\$184	\$335	\$1,227
3 rd Child	\$5,173	\$4,914	\$130	\$260	\$470	\$1,725
4 th Child	\$6,665	\$6,331	\$167	\$333	\$606	\$2,222

Middle School (7-9) Lower Income Fee Payment Plan 2023						
No. of Children per Family	Total Family School Fees 2023	Pay in Full (Prior 1 March for 5% Discount)	Weekly (40 Weeks)	Fortnightly (20 Fortnights)	Monthly (11 Months)	Quarterly (March, June, September)
1 st Child	\$1,194	\$1,134	\$30	\$60	\$108	\$398
2 nd Child	\$2,209	\$2,098	\$55	\$110	\$200	\$736
3 rd Child	\$3,104	\$2,949	\$77	\$154	\$282	\$1,035
4 th Child	\$3,999	\$3,799	\$99	\$199	\$363	\$1,333

Families with children enrolled across Reception to Year 9, are asked to email Julia Hammill finance@stmm.catholic.edu.au to confirm the annual school fee cost and payment plan requirements.

Payment Method Options

We offer the following payment methods for families to pay school fees:

- ✓ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) School bank accounts are printed on invoices & statements
- ✓ BPay Individual reference numbers are printed on invoices & statements
- ✓ Credit Card Accepting VISA and Mastercard (in person, mail, or phone)
- ✓ Centrepay Scheme Deduction direct from Centrelink benefits (refer to School)
- ✓ Cash/Cheque Direct to Office/Bursar

School Bus Levy (Student Levy)

This levy applies to those students who travel on the St Mary MacKillop School buses in the morning and/or afternoon to and from school. The levy subsidises the on-going costs incurred with running the buses.

The levy will remain at \$45 per student, per term, and is billed each term. The charge is irrespective if the student travels on a morning or afternoon bus on one day or every day, during the school term.

The levy is capped at two children per family.

Families/students residing more than 5kms from our school will receive a 60% reduction on the School Bus Levy under the State Government's 'Regional Bus Funding Arrangements'. The subsidy applies to per child, per term.

Camp and Excursions

Parents may be asked to contribute to the cost of school camps and/or excursions that are not subsidised by the annual school fees. Invoices will be rendered and sent home when required.

Financial Difficulty Remissions

Any families experiencing financial hardship due on-going effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, or for other reasons, and feel they may not be able to meet the fee requirements of the school, are encouraged to promptly speak with Julia Hammill or Michelle Miller to discuss alternative payment arrangements, payment extension or the possibility of fee remission.

All discussions are strictly confidential, and the granting of fee remission is at the discretion of the Principal.

Late Commencement/Withdrawal

Should a student commence or conclude his/her studies partway through the year, a portion of the relevant school fees will be charged. Payment of school fees is still required where a student is absent from school for any length of time (e.g., holiday or illness).

Enrolment Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of \$20 is payable upon lodgement of an enrolment application. This covers expenses incurred by the school in the full enrolment process.

The application fee may be credited to your child's school fees when they commence their schooling.

Book & Uniform Collection Days

To accommodate the growing number of enrolments at St Mary MacKillop School and alleviate the wait time for families on this day, the Office will be open during two days in Week 0, Term 1 (week prior to the new school term) for families to collect student book packs and school uniforms.

The opening times are as follows:

- ✓ **Tuesday, 24 January 2023** from 12 noon to 5pm
(Family surname A-L only)
- ✓ **Wednesday, 25 January 2023** from 8am to 1pm
(Family surname M-Z only)

Thursday, 26 January is the Australia Day Public Holiday.

When setting the opening times, we have endeavoured to be mindful of our parents who may be back at work and ensure an even number of families attend on each day. We thank you for your support with this decision.

Any families unable to attend on their designated day may wish to arrange for another family to collect the book pack/s on their behalf; or make alternate arrangements with the school.

Please note: the Office will be open for limited hours on Wednesday afternoon and Friday as staff will be participating in professional development and whole staff sessions.

The book packs WILL NOT be ready for collection prior to Tuesday, 24 January, 12 noon.

Payments on Collection Day

Families will NOT be required to make a payment towards the school fees on the Book & Uniform Collection Day/s.

This decision offers further financial support to our families at this time of year as well as supporting the SACCS *Making Catholic Education More Affordable* initiative.

All school uniforms will need to be paid for on the day. EFTPOS facilities will be available.