2026 Schedule of Fees



St Brendan's 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 a sustainable level.

FEE SCHEDULE

TOTAL ANNUAL FEES PER STUDENT	\$3,569
Building Levy	\$348
All-Inclusive Education Fee	\$3,221

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

Students in Catholic Schools	One	Two	Three	Four +
Per Week	\$89	\$83	\$73	\$65
Per Term	\$892	\$832	\$731	\$651
Per Year	\$3,569	\$3,327	\$2,925	\$2,603

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 includes all 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, resourcing¹ and textbook costs (excluding personal student stationery items)
- Student electronic device², carry bag², technology licences, educational software, extended warranty, comprehensive insurance cover, and full service and maintenance conducted by school technicians². The All-Inclusive Education Fee will absorb pre-existing device payment arrangements.
- Day only school excursions and "Whole of year level" overnight camps and retreats
- 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 within 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) 4969 5022 or email: sbnm_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au.

School Fee Accounts



Our School welcomes families who respect and support our Catholic Identity, and who seek our values. Choosing a Catholic education includes a commitment to paying School fees, which together with Federal and State government funding, supports the ongoing provision of quality Catholic education for all students.

Enrolment at the School is contingent upon the payment of School Fees, as detailed in the School's Schedule of Fees. The following key points will assist you in meeting the School's expectations.

School Fee Billing

- Our School charges an "All Inclusive Education Fee" that covers the curriculum offerings of the School. "Specific Purpose charges" are applied for additional activities and resources.
- A Building Levy is charged to fund capital works.
- No adjustments to fees will be made for late returns to School or student absence during a term.
- School fee statements are issued to the enrolling parents identified on the student enrolment agreement.
 Account information, including balances, can be viewed in Parent Lounge under the Accounts and Payments tab, and on the Parent Orbit app.

Payment of Fees



School fees must be paid in full by the due date shown on the fee statement, unless an approved Payment Plan arrangement is in place.



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 genuine financial hardship, who provide appropriate supporting evidence. Application is made directly to the Principal to ensure confidentiality is maintained.



Overdue fees may be placed in the hands of a collection agency. If necessary, the School may take legal action to recover the debt to preserve the financial viability of the School. If this action becomes necessary, any costs or expenses incurred by the School will be charged to the parent account.

Joint + Several Liability

Each parent listed on the student enrolment agreement is responsible for ensuring full and timely payment of School fees. By law, this is known as joint and several liability, meaning both parents are collectively and individually accountable for the entire payment, irrespective of each parent's individual contribution.

If family circumstances change, please inform the School immediately. Both enrolling parents remain jointly and individually responsible for the full School fee account, irrespective of the family's structure.





School Fees Explained

How is Education funded in Australia?

The Federal Government "School Resource Standard (SRS)" funding model determines State and Federal Government funding to all schools in Australia.

- For Non-Government schools, the SRS model also identifies each School community's means-tested "Capacity to Contribute (CTC)" through School Fees.
- Unlike many Non-Government schools, Catholic Education -Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) schools minimise School fees by delivering education to students within the SRS.

School funding formula for all schools in Australia > "School Fees"





Primary Student = \$13,977 Secondary Student = \$17,565 (2025)



Additional funding for six types of students and schools in priority cohorts. **Student disadvantage:** Indigeneity, Disability, Socio-Educational, Low-English Proficiency. School disadvantage: Size and Location.

Capacity to Contribute

% of base funding that Non-Government schools must raise privately, ranging from 10% to 80%,

School Resource Standard (SRS)

Per student funding is calculated on the unique characteristics of each school, its parents and its students.

Source: National Catholic Education Commission 2023

Examples of how CTC impacts School Fees

Where CTC of School community = 90, school fees contribute 10% of the base SRS

State Govt Grant Funding

72% Federal Government Grant Funding

10% School Fees

Where CTC of School community = 105, school fees contribute 25.5% (primary) or 36.25% (college) of the base SRS

State Govt Primary (14.9%) College (12.75%) **Federal Government** Primary (59.6%) College (51%)

School Fees Primary (25.5%) College (36.25%)

How are School fees presented in CEDR schools?

School fees are presented as one All-Inclusive Education fee, that delivers the curriculum offering of the School, rather than a tuition fee PLUS several School-based levies and charges.

