



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## FEES & LEVIES

It is the policy of the Rockhampton Diocese to keep fees as low as possible. Fees for 2018 are shown below. We expect there could be a slight increase in the Tuition fee for 2019.

	Per Term	Per Annum
Tuition	\$650.00	\$2600.00
General Levy	\$153.00	\$612.00
Subject Levy	\$185.00	\$740.00
P & F Levy per family	\$25.00	\$100.00
Building Fund Levy	\$118.00	\$472.00
Technology Levy	\$23.75	\$95.00
Administration Levy (waived if fees paid on time)	\$10.00	\$40.00

### General Levy

Rather than charge through the year for services and goods that students incur in whole of school or whole of year activities, a general levy is set. This covers QCS preparation, exam paper, transport to whole school events e.g. mass, athletics, swimming, triathlon, diary, ID card, internet access, printing, database access, use of school bus, valedictory, counselling, cultural/subject presentations, extracurricular expenses, retreats. The levy also includes an insurance cover for all school related activities.

### Subject Levy

This levy covers consumables used with subjects studied e.g. photocopying, chemicals, art materials, etc.

### Parents & Friends Levy

In lieu of fund raising by the P & F Association, a donation is requested of each family. Parents may choose to volunteer for the tuck shop, library roster etc instead of making this donation. This is calculated every term.

### Building Fund Levy

Building Fund Levy is charged as a family levy across all Diocesan schools and colleges. If there are siblings at other catholic schools or colleges in Mackay, no Building Fund Levy will be charged at St Patrick's College.

### Technology Levy

This levy goes toward the cost of technology capital purposes at the college.

## TUITION DISCOUNT

### Family Discount

Tuition fee discounts are provided for families if they have two or more students attending diocesan Catholic schools from Year P - 12 irrespective of the level at which they are enrolled. The discount is set by the Diocesan Office and in 2018 will be set at the following level. (Tuition discount is only given on the Tuition component of the fees).

### Discounts on Tuition Only

Students in Diocesan Schools	One	Two	Three	Four or more
<i>Discount Percentage</i>	0%	12.5%	35%	50%
<i>Upper Secondary per term</i>		\$81.25	\$227.50	\$325.00
<i>Upper Secondary per year</i>		\$325.00	\$910.00	\$1300.00

Information used to calculate the discount is ascertained from the information sheet completed at the beginning of each school year.

## **Total fees per term / per year**

Terms 1, 2 and 4 – no siblings, including Building Fund Levy	\$1168.00
Term 3 – no siblings, including Building Fund Levy	\$1201.00
Full year fees for 2018 – no siblings, including Building Fund Levy	\$4705.00

## **Concession Card Discount**

Parents/carers with an eligible means-tested Australian government health care or pensioner concession card will automatically receive a 70% discount on tuition fees (does not apply to college levies). Your card needs to be sighted by the finance office staff and updated when it expires.

## **Principal's Concession**

In cases of financial hardship, parents who desire special consideration should complete an application form which can be collected from the college bursar and returned within the first four weeks of Term 1.

## **TUITION FEE ACCOUNTS**

**Payment** Cash, cheque, direct deposit or EFTPOS facilities available (Mastercard or Visa). Cash payments should be made directly to the Finance Office between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.30 pm. Payment by direct debit is available on request to the finance officer. This can be made by the week, fortnight, month or term as suited. Fees may also be paid by monthly credit card deductions (available on request).

**Receipts** Available from the Finance Office on request. Receipts are not issued for direct debits.

**Accounts** Accounts are usually emailed in the first two (2) weeks of term and are payable within 21 days. After a second reminder unpaid accounts may be placed in the hands of the collection agency engaged by the college.

## **OTHER CHARGES**

Other charges may include the Reading Plus Programme, Early Childcare Education Certificate, the Certificate III in Christian Ministry, the Year 11 Foundations of Learning Camp, the Annual College Magazine (optional to purchase), Industry Placement fees and other subject activities and/or excursions that may arise throughout the year.

## **BOOK HIRE SYSTEM**

All text books are hired to students by the college. This represents a considerable saving to parents. Books remain the property of the college and must be adequately cared for by students. Students are expected to replace books which become lost or damaged. The college reserves the right to withhold a student's results, reports and references until outstanding texts are paid for in full or returned in good condition. Some subjects may suggest extra optional textbooks (eg dictionary) – these may be owned already by the student.

## **SUBSIDIES FOR BUS TRAVEL**

There are a number of subsidies available for bus travellers including conveyance allowance and safety net funding. The Queensland Catholic Education Commission administers this allowance and parents / guardians apply for this online in May and October each year. Further information is also available from the public transport section of Queensland Transport in Endeavour Street, Mackay - phone 4951 8313.