



Sacred Heart  
PARISH SCHOOL

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## Sacred Heart School - Fees for 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please find attached the school fees for 2024. Each year, the school thoroughly reviews expenditure to ensure accountable stewardship of resources. In 2024, in line with Brisbane Catholic Education's recommendations, there has been a slight increase in the Tuition Fee, Capital Levy, Student Levy and Sibling Charges. There has been no increase to the IT Levy and P&F Levy.

During Term 3, a focus for Sacred Heart was the preparation of the 2024 school budget. This work aimed to ensure we can continue to provide the best education for your child and protect the financial sustainability of the school.

The main factor influencing Sacred Heart School is the government funding model that determines our fees are based on student needs and calculated on a Direct Measure of Income (DMI) score.

The setting of school fees is the responsibility of the Principal, guided by the recommendations and principles set by Brisbane Catholic Education. The *Sacred Heart Pastoral School Board* collaborates on and supports any alterations to school fees. The *Sacred Heart Pastoral School Board* and *Parish Finance Council* have endorsed the 2024 School Fees.

The fees and levies collected at Sacred Heart School are used for the following purposes, which are aligned to the school's vision and mission:

- Provide teaching, administrative, classroom support and facilities.
- Provide essential resources, materials, facilities and equipment.
- Assist with providing activities such as excursions and incursions.
- Support the Sacred Heart School Building Program.
- Maintain buildings, grounds and other facilities.

I appreciate that an increase in fees can be difficult for some families in our community. If you have any concerns about the 2024 school fees, please contact the school to discuss your family's circumstances. We continue our commitment to support those families experiencing short or long-term genuine inability to pay fees, ensuring that enrolment is not compromised. Please get in touch with the Finance Officer for further information concerning the concession application process or [download a form](#) from the Parent Portal.

The [BCE School Fees Policy](#) is available on the Parent Portal or by contacting the School Office.

### **iPad Devices at Sacred Heart School**

Sacred Heart will continue to provide each student from Years 1 to 6 with an iPad. The iPad ratio in Prep will be 1 iPad per 2 students. The IT levy covers the associated costs such as the purchase of the device, cover, keyboard, maintenance, IT support, software, applications and insurance.

Our teachers at Sacred Heart carefully monitor the use of iPads, including how long the students access the device throughout the day. The iPad is a learning tool to assist learning and will be used when appropriate. Handwriting, bookwork and other forms of learning presentation will continue to form a holistic approach to student learning. It is not our expectation that students will be accessing iPads all day, every day.

## Sacred Heart School

### 2024 Annual School Fees and Levies



Year Level	Tuition Fee	Resource Levies		Family P&F Levy	Capital Levy	Total
		Student Levy	IT Levy			
Prep	\$1,225	\$1,000	\$150	\$40 per family	\$600 per family	\$3,015
Year 1	\$1,225	\$1,000	\$350			\$3,215
Year 2	\$1,225	\$1,000	\$350			\$3,215
Year 3	\$1,225	\$1,000	\$350			\$3,215
Year 4	\$1,225	\$1,000	\$350			\$3,215
Year 5	\$1,225	\$1,350	\$350			\$3,565
Year 6	\$1,225	\$1,400	\$350	\$3,615		

#### \*Sibling Charges

- 2nd child - 55% of the Tuition Fee
- 3rd child - 35% of the Tuition Fee
- 4th child - 18% of the Tuition Fee

\*% approx.

#### Family Based Levies

Applied to Eldest Child in Family only

- Years 1 to 6 IT Levy included the costs associated with providing each student an iPad.
- Year 5 & 6 Student Levy includes the costs associated with their camp.
- Year 6 Student Levy includes the cost of the senior shirt,

### **Tuition Fee**

The Tuition Fee ensures that the operational costs of the school are met. Siblings will pay a reduced percentage of the tuition as outlined above. This fee reduction applies to families with more than one child enrolled at Sacred Heart.

### **Student Levy**

The Student Levy covers all stationery and textbooks for your child. There is no additional book list fee. The student levy allows our staff to plan for a range of activities, including class and year level excursions, inter-school sport and providing buses for a variety of events the students attend. The student levy is used to purchase resources that are used directly by the students in the classrooms, e.g. Mathematics, English, Science and Visual Arts resources and materials. The Student Levy for Years 5 & 6 includes school camp. The Student Levy in Year 6 includes a Senior Shirt.

### **Information Technology (IT) Levy**

The Information Technology (IT) Levy will ensure our students are provided with the latest technology equipment, resources and support. The higher IT Levy in Years 1 to 6 covers the costs associated with each student being provided an iPad.

### **P&F Levy**

The P&F will use the levy to directly support the students of Sacred Heart. The levy will also cover the cost of the annual registration costs associated with the peak body in Queensland of school P&F associations – [Catholic School Parents Queensland](http://Catholic School Parents Queensland). The P&F Levy is family-based and is only applied to the eldest enrolled child.

### **Capital Levy**

The Capital Levy will enable Sacred Heart School to continue growing and developing as a modern, contemporary school. This levy supports the maintenance of school facilities and repayments associated with new buildings and structures. The Capital Levy is family-based and is only applied to the eldest enrolled child.

### **Total Cost Per Child**

The fees below are not in addition to above; simply a way to assist calculate your total annual school fees.

	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Prep
1st Child	\$3,615	\$3,565	\$3,215	\$3,215	\$3,215	\$3,215	\$3,015
2nd Child	\$2,420	\$2,370	\$2,020	\$2,020	\$2,020	\$2,020	\$1,820
3rd Child	\$2,175	\$2,125	\$1,775	\$1,775	\$1,775	\$1,775	\$1,575
4th Child	\$1,965	\$1,915	\$1,565	\$1,565	\$1,565	\$1,565	\$1,365

How to use the total cost per child table above.

<b>Family Example 1</b>	
<b>Children in Years 5, 3 &amp; 1</b>	
1st child in Year 5	\$3,565
2nd child in Year 3	\$2,020
3rd child in Year 1	\$1,775
<b>Total School Fees</b>	<b>\$7,360</b>

<b>Family Example 2</b>	
<b>Children in Years 3 &amp; 1</b>	
1st child in Year 3	\$3,215
2nd child in Year 1	\$2,020
<b>Total School Fees</b>	<b>\$5,235</b>

<b>Family Example 3</b>	
<b>Children in Year 2 &amp; Prep</b>	
1st child in Year 2	\$3,215
2nd child in Prep	\$1,820
<b>Total School Fees</b>	<b>\$5,035</b>



### **Sacred Heart School Fees 2024 – Calculator**

Brisbane Catholic Education has developed a calculator to help calculate your school fees. The excel document is found on the Parent Portal.

### **Payment Options**

Payment of fees will be due 14 days from the invoice date if paid by cash, cheque, BPAY or EFTPOS. Payments can also be made online via [Bpoint](#).

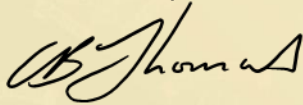
If payments are being made by [direct debit](#) or [Centrepay](#), fees may be paid on a weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly basis. It is important that regular payments are made and missed payments corrected to prevent your account from falling into arrears. ***All accounts must be finalised by the end of Term 4.***

Families currently paying via direct debit will be contacted before the commencement of Term 1, via email, with a revised payment plan for 2024.

A discount on the **tuition fee** of 5% will apply if the total of 2024 fees and levies are paid in full, and the account balance is zero by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

If you have any inquiries, you can contact Megan Preston or Timeka Muir on 32821976 or email [pbovfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pbovfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au).

Yours sincerely,



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