

**St Mary's Catholic College
Gateshead**

**Schedule of Fees and Explanations
for
2017
(as at 01.01.17)**



ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
GATESHEAD

- **Tuition Fees**
- **Diocesan Family and School Building Levy (DF&SBL)**
- **Diocesan Pastoral Contribution**
- **Non-Tuition Fees:**
 - Annual Resource Fee
 - Annual Information Technology Fee
 - Enrolment Fee
 - Subject Fees
 - Sport Fees
 - Annual School Magazine Cost
 - Replacement Student ID Card
 - Parents & Friends Association Levy

Tuition Fees 2017

Junior Secondary - Years 7-10			
Child/Children	Per Year each child	Per Term (3 Terms) each child	Per Week (30 Weeks) each child
1	\$1,662.00	\$554.00	\$54.40
2	\$1,495.80	\$498.60	\$49.80
3	\$1,329.60	\$443.20	\$44.30
4	\$997.20	\$332.40	\$33.20
5	\$831.00	\$277.00	\$27.70

Explanations:

1. Please consider the fees schedule in the light of the following points:

- 1.1 All tuition fees are billed over three terms.
- 1.2 The school fee is the parent contribution towards the recurrent cost of educating their child in a Catholic School. Other and larger contributions are made by the Commonwealth and State Governments. These contributions are forwarded straight to the Catholic Schools Office.
- 1.3 The balance of the school fees collected is the school's major source of income for its own recurrent expenses.
- 1.4 Parents are welcome to use credit card and EFTPOS facilities as well as Direct Debit and BPay when paying fees. For more information on these facilities contact the Finance Office.
- 1.5 The tuition fee covers the cost of providing Personal Accident and Disability Insurance for all students engaged in school related activities.

2. Concessions

- 2.1. In 2017, the attracted family discount for each child off the Diocesan Tuition Fee full rate will be:
 - 1 child family 0% (full rate to be applied)
 - 2 child family 10% each child
 - 3 child family 20% each child
 - 4 child family 40% each child
 - 5+ child family 50% each child
- 2.2. In the case of extreme hardship, a principal has the authority to grant concessions beyond those recommended for secondary schools.
- 2.3. Holders of a means-tested low income Health Care Card; or of a Pensioner Concession Card, are entitled to a discount of 50% off the **tuition fee** charged for **each** child. The reduction **only** applies to the tuition fee.
- 2.4. Fee reductions are applied pro rata across all fee types (eg if the overall reduction is equivalent to 25% of the total fees applicable, then each component fee is reduced by 25% (including DF&SBL charge).
- 2.5. School Finance Office staff available to offer assistance are: Mrs Helen See and Mrs April Bisegna

Parent's inability to pay fees should not be a barrier to a child gaining a Catholic education. PLEASE contact Mr Keating if you are faced with genuine hardship and you will be afforded an appropriate concession on school fees.

DIOCESAN FAMILY & SCHOOL BUILDING LEVY
The 2017 levy is \$600 per year per family

The Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL) is charged to the oldest child for each family. The levy is pooled to contribute towards past, present and future costs for building projects across all existing and for new catholic schools and the acquisition of land for school purposes.

The DFSBL rate for 2017 will be \$600.00 per family. The levy is reviewed, recommended and approved in the same manner as mentioned earlier for the tuition fees and discounts.

If a family is unable to pay due to hardship, the same provisions as for school fees apply in relation to the family school building levy.

Families who contribute to their Parish Planned Giving **must provide a parish receipt** to the Finance Office, at the beginning of the school year for the previous financial year, to gain a reduction in the Diocesan Family School Building Levy.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CONTRIBUTION
The 2017 contribution is \$150 per year per family

From 2017 a voluntary contribution of \$150.00 per family (\$50 per Term) is being sought as a Diocesan Pastoral Contribution. Funds support the ongoing pastoral works of the Diocese which include, amongst many initiatives: Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Office and activities of many advisory councils. Provision of Chaplains ministering in the following areas – Newcastle University, Newcastle Port, Prisons, Hospitals and Catholic Care Social Services. Family Community Faith Co-Ordinators who work to reach out to and connect families with their local parish and school. Pastoral Co-Ordinators who work in those parishes without a resident Parish Priest.

NON-TUITION FEES

ANNUAL RESOURCE FEE
The 2017 Fee is \$300 per child

This fee is payable by **ALL** students. **This fee will be billed incrementally (over 3 terms), that is \$100.00 per term.**

The fee covers the cost of providing students with a school diary, textbooks (electronic and hard copies), library and bookroom operating costs, copyright fees, access to Study Skills website, access to "Hot Maths" on-line support, access to all online library resources and library reading resources.

ANNUAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEE
The 2017 fee is \$330 per child

This fee is payable by **ALL** students. **It will be billed incrementally (over 3 terms), that is \$110 per term.**

The fee assists in meeting the costs associated with the provision of Information and Communication facilities and resources. This includes infrastructure maintenance and the provision of internet connectivity via Catholic Network Australia, Microsoft license agreement, provision for consumables and subscriptions and the costs associated with the employment of IT Officers.

ENROLMENT FEE
The 2017 fee is \$50 per family per annum

This fee is payable at the time of enrolment. It covers the cost of processing enrolment applications. It is non-refundable.

Non-Tuition Fees 2017 (Continued)

2017 Subject Fees

Year 7 (and new Enrolments)	Creative Arts	\$60.00
	Technology (mandatory)	\$70.00
	Safety Glasses	\$10.00
	Scientific Calculator (Maths)	\$25.00
	Book Pack	\$30.00
Year 8	Creative Arts	\$60.00
	Technology (mandatory)	\$70.00
Year 7 and 8	English Workbook	\$30.00
Year 7 to 10	PDHPE Workbook	\$30.00
Year 9 & 10 (Additional Courses of Study)		
• Creative & Performing Arts	Music	\$80.00
	Visual Art	\$80.00
	Drama	\$65.00
	Photographic & Digital Media	\$80.00
• Languages other than English	Japanese	\$50.00
• Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	Physical Activity & Sports Studies	\$80.00
• Technological & Applied Studies	Food Technology	\$130.00
	Industrial Technology (Timber)	\$110.00
	Industrial Technology (Building & Construction)	\$110.00
	iSTEM	\$110.00
	Graphics	\$50.00
• HSIE	Work Education	\$20.00
	Commerce	\$20.00

Note: Year 9 and 10 Subject Fees are only payable by students who elect to study a subject, as an Additional Course of Study. **These fees will be billed in Term 2.**

Sport Fees

Years 7 & 8	Fees include bus travel, clinics, external sport coaches, activity cost at venue *	Term Fee \$80
Year 9	Fees include bus travel, external sport coaches *	Term Fee \$75 plus venue activity costs
Year 10	Fees include bus travel, external sport coaches *	Term Fee Terms 1-3 - \$75 plus venue activity costs Term 4 - \$65 plus venue activity costs

The above Sport fees appear on the School Fees Account for each term.

The above costing also includes over the four terms extra items such as Swimming Carnival entry, Athletics Carnival entry, Motivational Media presentation and the purchase of sporting equipment.

*** Additional entry fees are applicable at some venues**

Annual School Magazine

The 2017 fee is \$25.00

The cost of the Annual School Magazine will be a family rate of \$25. It will be billed to the eldest student in the family. **The billing will occur in Term 3.**

Replacement Student ID Card

The 2017 fee is \$3.50 per card

For lost or damaged Student ID Cards, there will be a cost incurred of \$3.50 per card.

P&F Levy

The 2017 fee is \$10 per family in terms 2, 3 and 4

The levy replaces P&F Association Fundraising activities and enhances the school's capacity to fund resources for students' use.