

**St Mary's Catholic College
Gateshead**

**Schedule of Fees and Explanations
for
2024
(as at Feb 2024)**



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
 - Course Fees Years 11 & 12
 - Annual School Magazine (Optional)
 - Replacement Student ID Card
 - Replacement Calculator

Tuition Fees 2024

Junior Secondary - Years 7-10			
Child/Children	Per Year each child	Per Term (4 Terms) each child	Per Week (41 Weeks) each child
1	\$2033.00	\$508.25	\$49.60
2	\$1728.05	\$432.00	\$42.15
3	\$1524.75	\$381.18	\$37.20
4	\$1016.50	\$254.10	\$24.80
5	\$1016.50	\$254.10	\$24.80

Senior Secondary – Years 11-12			
Child	Per Year each child	Per Term (4 Terms) each child	Per Week (41 Weeks) each child
1	\$3089.00	\$772.25	\$75.35

Explanations: Please consider the fees schedule in the light of the following points:

- 1.1** All tuition fees will be billed at the start of the school year and finalised by 30 November.
- 1.2** The tuition 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.
- 1.2** The balance of the school fees collected is the school’s major source of income for its own recurrent expenses.
- 1.3** Parents are welcome to use EFTPOS, BPay and Direct Debit facilities for paying fees. For more information on these facilities, contact the Finance Office. **It has been requested by our Catholic Schools Office to please not use the Compass App for fee payments.**
- 1.4** The tuition fee covers most operational costs including the cost of providing Personal Accident and Disability Insurance for all students engaged in school related activities.

Concessions:

- 2.1. In 2024 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 15% each child
 - 3 child family 25% each child
 - 4+ 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**.

Year 11 Course Fees

Business Services	\$125.00
Hospitality/Uniform	\$250.00/\$90.00
Construction	\$220.00
White Card	\$ 80.00
First Aid	\$ 85.00

Year 12 Course Fees

Textiles & Design	\$110.00
TAFE COURSES **	\$300.00 Per Unit
VET COURSES:	
Construction (Includes Work Placement Insurance)	\$220.00
White Card	\$ 80.00
Hospitality (Includes Work Placement Insurance)	\$250.00

****These are the subsidised costs as set by the Catholic Schools Office**

DIOCESAN FAMILY & SCHOOL BUILDING LEVY

The 2024 levy is \$1638.00 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 2024 is \$1638.00 per family. The levy is reviewed, recommended and approved in the same manner as 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.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CONTRIBUTION

The 2024 voluntary contribution is \$300 per year per family

From 2017 a **voluntary contribution** was 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.

ANNUAL RESOURCE FEE

The 2024 Fee is \$1500.00 per child (Yrs 7-10) & \$1200.00 per child (Yr 11-12)

This fee is payable by **ALL** students. This fee now incorporates the following costs:

- **Annual Information Technology Fee:** This 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 cost associated with the employment of IT Officers.
- **Years 7-10 Subject Fees:** These fees cover all mandatory subjects and resources for **Year 7** – Creative Arts, Technology Mandatory, Safety Glasses, Scientific Calculator (Maths) Book Pack, PDHPE Workbook. **Year 8** – Creative Arts, Technology Mandatory, PDHPE Workbook. **Years 9 & 10** - The elective subjects chosen (2).
- **Years 7-10 Sport Fees:** These fees are now incorporated in this Resource Fee. They cover bus travel, clinics, external sport coaches, swimming program, Swimming Carnival entry, Athletics Carnival entry, Motivational Media presentation and the purchase of sporting equipment. **Please note if your student chooses a sport, held at an external venue that attracts a cost, payment will be required at the beginning of each Term.**
- These costs also include providing students with a school diary, textbooks (electronic and hard copies), library and book room operating costs, copyright fees, access to Study Skills website, access to “Hot Maths” on-line support, access to all online library resources, library reading resources and course related costs.
- **School Fundraising Levy:** This levy replaces Fundraising activities previously undertaken by the Parents & Friends Association and enhances the school’s capacity to fund resources for the student’s use.

Annual School Magazine

The 2024 fee is \$25.00 (Optional)

The cost of the Annual School Magazine will be a family rate of \$25.00. Please advise the Finance Office if this is required. It will be distributed in Term 4 2024 upon request.

Replacement Student ID Card

The 2024 fee is \$3.50 per card

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

Replacement Calculator

The 2024 fee is \$30.00 per calculator

Replacement Calculators - \$30.00

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