



**25 November 2025**

Dear Families,

As we come closer to end of the school year and prepare for the exciting transition into a new year of learning I would like to thank you for the way in which you support your child's education and the financial commitment you are making through fees and levies which contribute toward the successes of our school as we strive to provide your students with engaging learning experiences.

The main factor influencing Sacred Heart is the government funding model that determines our fees are based on student needs and calculated on a Direct Measure of Income (DMI) score. This has resulted in an overall 4% increase in the school tuition fees and a 4% increase in capital levy fees for 2026.

I appreciate that an increase in fees can be difficult for some families in our community. If you have any concerns about the 2026 school fees, please contact us to discuss your family's circumstances. Please understand that Sacred Heart Primary School will continue to plan for the future, which will include identifying cost reductions to ensure any future fee increases are manageable for all while we also continue to strive to provide the best educational experience for your students.

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## **School Fees/Tuition and Levies for 2026**

### **School Fees/Tuition**

(The school fees/tuition fees include an amount remitted centrally, the Archdiocesan Education Levy, which provides shared resources to all schools within the Archdiocese)

- 1 child: \$1668
- 2 children: \$2668
- 3 children: \$3336
- 4 children: \$3668

### **Student Levies (Paid on a per child basis)**

- Prep to Year 6 levy: \$740 per year (or \$185.00 per term). This levy covers co-curricular activities, visiting educational programs, excursions, Local Area Network (LAN) maintenance and support, and curriculum resources to enable remarkable learning to take place in our classrooms.

### **Year Level Levies (Paid on per child per year level basis)**

- Athletics (Yr 3 to Yr 6): \$43 per year
- Yr 1 to Yr 6 iPad program: \$260 per year
- Prep iPad program (shared devices): \$105 per year
- Book pack Prep to Yr 6: \$115 per child

### **Family Levies (Paid on a per family basis)**

- Parents and Friends levy: \$100 per year (or \$25 per term). This fee, together with a small number of extra fundraising activities, provides the funds for our vital school parent network to invest in the school.
- Capital levy: \$688 per year (or \$172 per term). This levy covers the maintenance to our existing facilities (with some buildings heritage listed) and loan repayments.

### **Voluntary Levies**

- Library Fund Levy (\$25 per term): This is a tax deductible levy, with the monies accumulated to be used for any project in relation to the Library and its resources.
- F.A.I.T.H levy (Families Acting In Times of Hardship): The funds accumulated from this levy will be used at the discretion of the School Board to further our pastoral works within our own community and to support our families in their hour of need in relation to educational expenses. This fund works alongside our 'Meals from the Heart' initiative, with the School Board as the mechanism for distribution of these monies. All deliberations of the School Board are confidential and we can then guarantee the anonymity of the recipients of this fund. This levy is not tax deductible.

## Camps

- Year 4 camp: \$350 will be invoiced in term 2
- Year 5 & 6 camp: \$390 will be invoiced in term 1
- 2027 Canberra Camp: Every two years, we organise a 4-night camp in Canberra for students who will be in Years 5 and 6.

If your child will be in Year 4 or 5 in 2026, you'll start paying for the camp in 2026. You'll be invoiced \$300 in both Term 3 and Term 4 of 2026 (\$600 in total that year) as the first part of the \$1,500 camp fee. Paying these instalments will secure your child's spot for the camp.

## Early-bird discount:

A discount of \$50 applies if the full yearly amount of Fees and Levies is paid prior to the due date of Term 1 accounts.

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## Direct Debit

This method offers families the opportunity to spread the payment of their fees fortnightly or monthly over a ten month period starting in February and ending in November. It also allows for a constant flow of income into our school. To access this form of payment, download and print from the BCE Connect app or please email [PSANFinance@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:PSANFinance@bne.catholic.edu.au) to assist you with completing the direct debit form. The form must be printed and signed in person not a digital signature.

Please note if you are paying through direct debit and you wish to contribute to the voluntary levies, you will need to make a separate payment either via BPay or through the office. Other methods of payment include BPay, EFTPOS and cash over the counter.

## Statements

Statements will be sent to all account holders regularly for your review, including families with direct debit arrangements in place. While we are unable to change the body of the email that accompanies your statement, we strongly encourage all families to review their statement each time for correctness, even if you have a direct debit arrangement in place or have paid your fees in full.

Please contact the school if you need any assistance or would like to update your direct debit arrangement. [PSANFinance@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:PSANFinance@bne.catholic.edu.au)

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I gratefully acknowledge the hard work and dedication by the whole parent community, who contribute to the ability of Sacred Heart to provide an exceptionally high standard of education and facilities, whilst keeping fees and levies reasonable, and to minimise any increases.

The funds provided through the generous support and hard work of the P&F also provide additional resources and enhancements to our learning environments, all of which our children have access to on a daily basis.

And I would like to thank all our parent volunteers, as the presence of families at school and behind the scenes, assisting in so many ways, certainly helps us in providing high quality Catholic education, excellent resources and facilities for our children.

Kind Regards,

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Sarah McDonald  
Principal