



AQUINAS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ANZAC ROAD, MENAI, NSW 2234

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

(for schools within the Sydney Archdiocesan System)

- For over one hundred and eighty years Catholic schools have provided education for young Australians and have supported parents and carers in their role as the first educators of their children. In choosing a Catholic school for their children parents are very conscious that this will involve making a significant financial contribution towards the cost of providing that education.
- The schools of the Archdiocese have been established over many years by the generosity of parents, parishioners and the religious and staff in our Catholic schools.
- This school is one of one hundred and fifty three primary and secondary schools that form the Sydney Archdiocesan system of Catholic schools. There are over 70,000 students enrolled in these schools. Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) has the responsibility of leading and managing the system of schools.
- The funding of these schools is a shared responsibility between Australian and State Governments, parents and parishes.
- The Australian Government provides about 55% and the State Government about 22% of the income needed to fund the system of schools. The contribution of Governments to the running costs of our schools needs to be recognised, appreciated and also guarded.
- Parents contribute over 20% to the funding of the parish primary schools and regional secondary schools in the Archdiocese. This financial contribution is essential to providing the best possible educational opportunities for the students. The continuing support of parents is greatly appreciated.
- The fees charged at this school are made up of:
 - i) **The Archdiocesan Tuition Fee.** This fee level is set each year by the Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Schools Board. The school retains a portion of this fee to assist with operating costs. The balance is returned to Sydney Catholic Schools to assist with the payment of workers compensation, public liability, student accident insurances, staff development and other operating costs.
 - ii) **The School Building Levy.** The income from the levy assists in the repayment of loans for school buildings, repairs and maintenance and building insurance.
 - iii) **Local fees and charges.** These are set by the school finance committee and are used to pay for school resources, educational activities, subject charges and other operational costs such as electricity, water, council charges and internet expenses.

For families with more than one child currently attending other Catholic schools within the Archdiocesan system of schools, sibling and family discounts apply to the Archdiocesan Tuition Fee and to the School Building Levy.

For those parents who experience genuine financial difficulties or other circumstances that make the payment of fees difficult there is support available by contacting the College Business Manager. Parents may apply for a reduction by completing the Sydney Catholic Schools Financial Hardship Application Form or they may apply for a Bursary, which is administered by the Catholic Education Foundation (if Centrelink dependent). All information provided is strictly confidential. If no contact is made it will be presumed that parents are able to pay full fees and accounts will be rigorously pursued. This policy offers compassion for those in difficult financial circumstances as well as a spirit of justice for all families.

School fees for future years are yet to be established.

As a guide, the School Fees for 2018 are:

School Tuition Fees Set by the Archdiocese	Year Level	1 st child	2 nd Child	3 rd Child
	Years 7 - 8	\$1,751.00	\$1,575.90	\$1,138.15
	Years 9 - 10	\$1,941.00	\$1,746.90	\$1,261.65
	Years 11 - 12	\$2,586.00	\$2,327.40	\$1,680.90

Note that Sibling discount on Tuition Fees for children attending a Catholic Systemic school for 2018 is 10% for the second child and 35% for the third child. Fourth and subsequent children receive a 100% sibling discount.

Family Fee	Levy 1 School	Levy 2 Schools	Levy 3 Schools
School Building Levy*	\$696	\$348	\$232

*Note: Levy depends on siblings attending other Catholic systemic schools.

School Based Charges	Years 7 - 10	Years 11 & 12
<i>Resource Fee</i>	\$595	\$709
<i>Technology Fee</i>	\$250	\$250
<i>Sport Fee</i>	\$352	\$95
<i>Excursions/Activities/Subjects</i>	Charged at cost	

A non-refundable enrolment application fee of \$200 is payable at the time of lodging the application and is refundable if an offer is not made. This fee **will not** be refunded if an offer is made and subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.

A College backpack will be provided to each student as part of the enrolment fee.

Annual School Fee Accounts are sent out early in February and are to be paid in accordance with the payment schedule on the statement. There may be miscellaneous charges added during the year which we are unable to determine until a later date.

Preferred methods of payment are:

Standing Authority A nominated amount can be charged Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly to your Credit Card. This is processed automatically without the need to remember to make the payments. Please contact the School Office for a Standing Authority Form.

BPay Pay by BPay from Savings, Cheque or Credit Card Account by phone or internet. Contact your bank or financial institution to use this facility.

Other payment methods available are: Direct deposits to our bank account, EFTPOS, Centrelink deductions from Centrelink, Cash or Cheque.