

Dear Parents,

2018 Tuition Fees

The annual review has occurred to determine the level of school tuition fees in 2018. We can advise that Tuition fees for our primary and secondary schools in the Cairns Diocese in 2018 will increase by 1.5%.

The decision to raise fees is not taken for granted or made without careful consideration of the resource needs of schools balanced against the capacity of families to contribute.

For Catholic schools, the need to charge tuition fees and levies arises from the lower funding that is provided by governments for students in non-government schools. Tuition fees are used by schools to meet ongoing expenditure of the school. A minor portion of the tuition fee is used to fund the purchase of land for existing and new schools and accommodation for teaching staff.

The 2018 tuition fee schedule for families with children attending primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Cairns is attached. Sibling discounts will continue to be offered to families with more than one child enrolled in one or more Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese, at 15% for two students, 30% for three students and no additional tuition fee for four or more students.

The 2018 tuition fee increase applies to tuition fees only. Schools and colleges charge various levies to support specific initiatives or needs within each school or college community. As these costs vary from school to school, these levies are set individually by the schools.

I appreciate that some families may face financial hardship in meeting fees and levies. It is important that families who want to access Catholic Education for their children are not excluded because they do not have the means to pay fees. It is our policy and practice to assist any family in this situation.

The discount for eligible parents/carers with a means-tested Australian Government Health Card or Pensioner Concession of 70% rebate on tuition fees will continue to be offered in 2018.

Families without an eligible concession card who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should continue to apply for special consideration by speaking with their school Principal or Parish Priest who will treat the situation with understanding, sensitivity and confidentiality.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to Catholic Education. We are proud of the quality of education provided in our schools and we are keenly aware and grateful of how much parental support we receive, both through payment of tuition fees and levies and so many other forms of generous help.

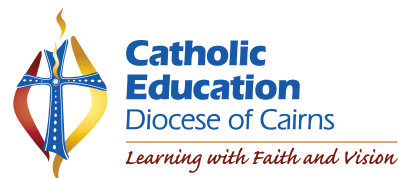
With best wishes,



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Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns

2018 TUITION FEES



The approximate cost of the tuition fee component of a Catholic primary school education over a 40 week school year is \$38.05 per week (or \$29.30 per calendar week). For a secondary education, the approximate tuition fee ranges from \$65.30 per school week (\$50.20 per calendar week) for lower secondary to \$80.10 per school week (\$61.60 per calendar week) for upper secondary.

School Fees also comprise of levies, which vary from school to school, and may include items such as a Building Levy, Subject Levies and General Purpose Levy. Levies in secondary colleges add approximately \$45 per week. These approximations are before Subsequent Child and Rural Location discounts.

Discounts apply for families with more than one child attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns. In primary and secondary schools, a 15% discount on tuition fees applies for two children, a 30% discount for three children, and up to a 70% discount for seven children.

In Catholic secondary colleges, a 15% discount on tuition fees applies for two children, 30% for three children, and up to a 70% discount for seven children. Families with children at both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese also receive a discount even though the children are at two different Catholic schools.

Twelve primary schools in the diocese and two secondary colleges attract a further discount because of their rural location and/or having limited access to a Catholic secondary college.

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes below, to assist with calculating fees from the **2018 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule**, overleaf.

Explanatory Notes

- **To calculate tuition fees payable, the following steps are necessary;**
 - a) Determine number of students per family attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns.
 - b) Identify that column in Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule (top of schedule).
 - c) Identify annual fee per student from that column for each level of education the students are receiving. That is Primary, Middle School, Lower Secondary or Upper Secondary.
 - d) If the students are attending a 'Country Discount' school the annual fee per student is the fee per student after country discount.
- **Examples of tuition fee calculation for different family structures are; (non-country discount schools)**
 - **2 Student family with both students in Primary School**
 - a) From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,294.
 - b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,294 per student times 2 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$2,588.
 - **3 Student family with all students in Primary School**
 - a) From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,066.
 - b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,066 per student times 3 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$3,198.
 - **2 Student family with 1 student in Primary and 1 student in Lower Secondary**
 - a) From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee for the primary student is \$1,294 and the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$2,220.
 - b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$3,514 (\$1,294 + \$2,220).
 - **3 Student family with 1 student in Primary, 1 student in Lower Secondary and 1 student in Upper Secondary**
 - a) From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee for the primary student is \$1,066, the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$1,828 and the annual fee for the upper secondary student is \$2,243.
 - b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$5,137 (\$1,066 + \$1,828 + \$2,243).

Catholic Diocese of Cairns 2018 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule

TUITION FEE PER STUDENT							
Number of Students in Parish & Diocesan Schools							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PREP & PRIMARY - YEARS P-6	No additional charge for 4 or more siblings						
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
PREP & PRIMARY - per week (40 wks)	38.06	32.35	26.64	19.98	15.99	13.32	11.42
PREP & PRIMARY - per term	380.63	323.53	266.44	199.83	159.86	133.22	114.19
2018 - PREP & PRIMARY - per year	\$1,523	\$1,294	\$1,066	\$799	\$639	\$533	\$457
<i>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</i>	<i>-152</i>	<i>-129</i>	<i>-107</i>	<i>-80</i>	<i>-64</i>	<i>-53</i>	<i>-46</i>
2018 - PREP & PRIMARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT	\$1,370	\$1,164	\$959	\$719	\$577	\$481	\$412

2018 - MIDDLE SCHOOL (St Andrew's College)	\$1,933	\$1,481	\$1,169	\$876	\$701	\$584	\$502
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LOWER SECONDARY - YEARS 7-9							
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
LOWER SECONDARY - per week (40 wks)	65.29	55.50	45.70	34.28	27.42	22.85	19.59
LOWER SECONDARY - per term	652.90	554.96	457.03	342.77	274.22	228.51	195.87
2018 - LOWER SECONDARY - per year	\$2,612	\$2,220	\$1,828	\$1,371	\$1,097	\$914	\$783
<i>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</i>	<i>-\$261</i>	<i>-\$222</i>	<i>-\$183</i>	<i>-\$137</i>	<i>-\$110</i>	<i>-\$91</i>	<i>-\$78</i>
2018 - LOWER SECONDARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT	\$2,350	\$1,998	\$1,645	\$1,234	\$987	\$823	\$705

UPPER SECONDARY - YEARS 10-12							
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
UPPER SECONDARY - per week (40 wks)	80.11	68.09	56.08	42.06	33.65	28.04	24.03
UPPER SECONDARY - per term	801.09	680.93	560.76	420.57	336.46	280.38	240.33
2018 - UPPER SECONDARY - per year	\$3,204	\$2,724	\$2,243	\$1,682	\$1,346	\$1,122	\$961
<i>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</i>	<i>-\$320</i>	<i>-\$272</i>	<i>-\$224</i>	<i>-\$168</i>	<i>-\$135</i>	<i>-\$112</i>	<i>-\$96</i>
2018 - UPPER SECONDARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT	\$2,884	\$2,451	\$2,019	\$1,514	\$1,211	\$1,009	\$865

Schools Qualifying as Country Discount

St Joseph's School, Atherton
St Michael's School, Gordonvale
St John's School, Silkwood
St Clare's School, Tully
Good Counsel Primary School, Innisfail

St Rita's School, Babinda
St Augustine's School, Mossman
St Rita's School, South Johnstone
St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe
St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa

St Anthony's School, Dimbulah
Mount St Bernard College, Herberton
St Stephen's Catholic College, Mareeba
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Thursday Island

In addition to the above schools the 2018 Tuition Fee Schedule applies to;

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlville
St Thomas' School, Mareeba
Mother of Good Counsel School, North Cairns
St Joseph's School, Parramatta Park
St Augustine's College, Cairns

St Therese's School, Bentley Park
Holy Cross School, Trinity Park
St Gerard Majella School, Woree
St Monica's College, Cairns
St Mary's Catholic College, Woree

St Francis Xavier's School, Manunda
St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch
Good Counsel College, Innisfail
MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter



2018 FEE AND LEVY SCHEDULE - Draft

FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS AT GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY

TOTAL STUDENTS		1 CHILD PRIMARY	2 CHILDREN PRIMARY	3 CHILDREN PRIMARY	4 CHILDREN PRIMARY	5 CHILDREN PRIMARY			
Tuition		342.50	582.00	719.25	719.00	721.25			
General Levy		40.00	80.00	120.00	160.00	200.00			
Technology Levy		25.00	50.00	75.00	100.00	125.00			
Activity Levy		10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00			
Building Levy		40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00			
P&F Levy		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00			
TOTAL PER TERM		482.50	797.00	1,009.25	1,084.00	1,161.25			
TUITION FEE		342.50	2 X 291.00	3 X 239.75	4 X 179.75	5 X 144.25			
TUITION DISCOUNT		NIL	2 X -51.50	3 X -102.75	4 X -162.75	5 X -198.25			
FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS AT GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY & GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE/OTHER DIOCESAN SCHOOLS									
TOTAL STUDENTS		2	3	4	3	4			
		1 @ Primary 1 @ College	1 @ Primary 2 @ College	1 @ Primary 3 @ College	2 @ Primary 1 @ College	2 @ Primary 2 @ College			
Tuition		291.00	239.75	179.75	479.50	359.50			
General Levy		40.00	40.00	40.00	80.00	80.00			
Technology Levy		25.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	50.00			
Activity Levy		10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00			
Building Levy		40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00			
P&F Levy		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00			
TOTAL PER TERM		431.00	379.75	319.75	694.50	574.50			
TUITION FEE		1 X 291.00	1 X 239.75	1 X 179.75	2 X 239.75	2 X 179.75			
TUITION DISCOUNT		1 X -50.75	1 X -102.75	1 X -162.75	2 X -102.75	2 X -162.75			
TOTAL STUDENTS		4	5	5	5				
		3 @ Primary 1 @ College	4 @ Primary 1 @ College	2 @ Primary 3 @ College	3 @ Primary 2 @ College				
Tuition		539.25	577.00	288.50	432.75				
General Levy		120.00	160.00	80.00	120.00				
Technology Levy		75.00	100.00	50.00	75.00				
Activity Levy		30.00	40.00	20.00	30.00				
Building Levy		40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00				
P&F Levy		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00				
TOTAL PER TERM		829.25	942.00	503.50	722.75				
TUITION FEE		3 X 179.75	4 X 144.25	2 X 144.25	3 X 144.25				
TUITION DISCOUNT		3 X -162.75	4 X -198.25	2 X -198.25	3 X -198.25				
NOTE: P&F STATE DUTY (per student fee \$TBA) Charged in TERM 1 only.									
						2018 PENSIONER & HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDER FEE DISCOUNT Eligible to receive 70% discount on Tuition Fees <u>ONLY</u> - See ADMIN for more information.			



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FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS AT GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY

TOTAL STUDENTS	1 CHILD PRIMARY	2 CHILDREN PRIMARY	3 CHILDREN PRIMARY	4 CHILDREN PRIMARY	5 CHILDREN PRIMARY				
Tuition	1,370.00	2,328.00	2,877.00	2,876.00	2,885.00				
General Levy	160.00	320.00	480.00	640.00	800.00				
Technology Levy	100.00	200.00	300.00	400.00	500.00				
Activity Levy	40.00	80.00	120.00	160.00	200.00				
Building Levy	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00				
P&F Levy	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
TOTAL PER ANNUM	1,930.00	3,188.00	4,037.00	4,336.00	4,645.00				
TOTAL PER TERM	482.50	797.00	1,009.25	1,084.00	1,161.25				
FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS AT GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY & GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE/OTHER DIOCESAN SCHOOLS									
TOTAL STUDENTS	2	3	4	3	4				
	1 @ Primary 1 @ College	1 @ Primary 2 @ College	1 @ Primary 3 @ College	2 @ Primary 1 @ College	2 @ Primary 2 @ College				
Tuition	1,164.00	959.00	719.00	1,918.00	1,438.00				
General Levy	160.00	160.00	160.00	320.00	320.00				
Technology Levy	100.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00				
Activity Levy	40.00	40.00	40.00	80.00	80.00				
Building Levy	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00				
P&F Levy	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
TOTAL PER ANNUM	1,724.00	1,519.00	1,279.00	2,778.00	2,298.00				
TOTAL PER TERM	431.00	379.75	319.75	694.50	574.50				
TOTAL STUDENTS	4	5	5	5					
	3 @ Primary 1 @ College	4 @ Primary 1 @ College	2 @ Primary 3 @ College	3 @ Primary 2 @ College					
Tuition	2,157.00	2,308.00	1,154.00	1,731.00					
General Levy	480.00	640.00	320.00	480.00					
Technology Levy	300.00	400.00	200.00	300.00					
Activity Levy	120.00	160.00	80.00	120.00					
Building Levy	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00					
P&F Levy	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00					
TOTAL PER ANNUM	3,317.00	3,768.00	2,014.00	2,891.00					
TOTAL PER TERM	829.25	942.00	503.50	722.75					
NOTE: P&F STATE DUTY (per student fee \$TBA) Charged in TERM 1 only.									
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