



St Matthews Catholic School

2020 Schedule of Fees and Charges

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CLASS	SCHOOL FEE
Kindergarten	\$1656
Year 1	\$1608
Year 2	\$1641
Year 3	\$1656
Year 4	\$1671
Year 5	\$1734
Year 6	\$2259
Year 7	\$2259
Year 8	\$2250
Year 9	\$2445
Year 10	\$2850
Year 11	\$3531
Year 12	\$3621

Family Discounts

Second Child	15%
Third Child	30%
Fourth and over	45%

Family Charges – *sibling discount does not apply*

Capital Works Levy	P & F Voluntary Contribution
\$ 558	\$50

What is included in the School Fee?

The school fee includes items such as the cost of pre-planned major excursions, cost of purchasing books and texts for student use, secondary school diary, practical component fees of mandatory courses, school incursions such as guest speakers and performances (eg Brainstorm Productions, Music Viva), sporting fee, ICT levy, retreats.

Additional Charges

In addition to the school fee, some secondary elective courses attract a charge to assist in the delivery of the particular elective. These charges also include the costs of excursions that have been planned as part of the course. These charges can be seen over the page.

Bring Your Own Designated Device - BYODD (Y7-9) and Bring Your Own Device - BYOD (Y10-12)

Personal computing devices are used at St Matthews to enhance and enrich learning opportunities both at home and at school. Our school requires all secondary students to bring a suitable device for their learning. Students enrolling at the School will be required to have a Chromebook as part of the BYODD Program (Y7-9) or a personal laptop computer, tablet or Chromebook as part of the BYOD Program (Y10 – 12)

Chromebooks and laptops can be purchased through: smcs.orderportal.com.au

This Chromebook that we have specified will be sufficient for your child's educational needs and durable enough for most classroom situations.

As with any electronic device available, there are a plethora of different ways that you can purchase devices. A number of cheaper options may be available on the web and parents are able to source their own device from their preferred supplier. There is no obligation for parents to purchase through the portal. In order to assist parents to make an informed decision when purchasing your child's device, a summary of the differences between buying from the recommended Portal as opposed to other sources is included below.

Chrome Management

It is a requirement that devices connected to the school wifi network have the Chrome Management Service installed. This service will be pre-installed on all devices purchased through the portal. Other devices purchased elsewhere will need to have this software installed on them by the school early in 2020. There will be a **charge of \$20.00** added to your school fees in this case.

Grey Imports

Websites such as Kogan, Dick Smith (now owned by Kogan), and PB Tech are able to offer these devices at a cheaper price because they are what is called a grey import. Unfortunately we cannot compete with these prices. A grey import means that the item was sourced outside of Australia and was not imported as the manufacturer intended. While not illegal, what this means is that the manufacturer, in this case Acer, may not be willing to honour any warranty claims as the device is not being used in the intended country. The retailer will still have to offer some warranty, but this is often not as good as the manufacturer. These devices will also often have different voltage chargers and plugs. They do come with an Australian adapter, but it is another component that could fail. There is also a risk that this could be a counterfeit product. If the price is too good to believe, there may be a reason why.

For further information regarding prices and other requirements, please refer to our ICT policies (available from the front office).

Secondary Elective Fees – additional to school fee

COURSE	Years 9-10	Year 11	Year 12
Agricultural Technology	\$54	\$51	\$51
Biology		\$204	
Business Services			
Chemistry		\$12	\$42
Commerce			
Community and Family Studies			
Design and Technology		\$102	\$54
Design Technology	\$50		
Drama	\$135		

English Advanced			\$33
English Ext 1			\$33
English Standard			\$33
Food Technology	\$120		
History – Modern			\$12
History - Extension			
Hospitality		\$225	\$258
Industrial Technology - Metals	\$153	\$153	
Industrial Technology - Wood	\$78		
Industrial Technology - Timber			\$54
Information Software Technology			
iSTEM	\$54		
Investigative Science			
Legal Studies			\$54
Mathematics			\$42
Maths Ext 1			\$42
Maths General			\$42
Metals & Engineering (VET)		\$201	
Music	\$123	\$123	\$123
Online / Distance Education		\$800	
PDHPE			
Photography			
Physical Activity and Sports Studies			
Physics		\$45	\$12
Society & Culture			
Sport Lifestyle and Recreation			
TVET		\$648	\$648
Visual Arts	\$225	\$102	\$102

Payment of School Fees

An annual school fee invoice will be issued in term one and followed up by statements in terms two, three and four. Fees can be paid in one lump sum payment, by the term, fortnightly, or weekly.

BPAY, direct debit, EFTPOS, and cheque are available methods of payment. BPAY details are on your fee invoices and statements.

Payment Difficulties

Sometimes, for very good reasons that are usually out of our control, an account cannot be paid by the due date. If you are experiencing difficulties in paying your account, **please contact the school as soon as possible**, preferably before the due date. We will then be in a position to offer some assistance such as extending the time to pay or offering a payment by instalment option. In cases of extreme financial hardship, the school will consider granting a fee concession.

Overdue Accounts

It is easy to overlook an account in the rush of everyday life. Reminders will be given to those families whose account is overdue. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your account, please contact the office to arrange an interview as soon as possible. We will then be in a position to assist you.

On rare occasions people fail to pay their account, do not respond to reminder notices and do not contact the school to make alternate arrangements. Once accounts have been escalated, the matter effectively passes out of the school's control and all negotiations for payment must then be made with the Catholic Education Office through the Fees Liaison Officer.

Termination of enrolment

In the event that a student cancels their enrolment sufficient notice is required. Some fees can be pro-rated, however some components of fees are required to be paid in full ie. excursions already attended, book fees etc. Balance of fees are required to be finalised by the last date of attendance.

Confidentiality

All information that is made available to the Principal or Bursar will be treated in the strictest confidence. Information will be made available to the Finance Committee and external professional service providers, on a "need to know" basis" only and within the guidelines of the CEO Privacy Policy.

Contact

If you need to contact the office in relation to your school fees, please use one of the following:

Phone: (02) 6372 1742

Email: mudstmfees@bth.catholic.edu.au

Appointment: Please phone to make an appointment to discuss your fees.