

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Donnybrook



2024 Updates to Fee Structure

Dear Parents and Caregivers

At the Annual Community Meeting on Tuesday 21st November, we announced that the school will be embarking on a new leasing program to update our Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services across the school, and to ensure that our staff and students have access to contemporary teaching and learning opportunities.

St Mary's has worked with Catholic education to consider the financial needs of our families and heavily reduced fees over the last two years. We appreciate the toughening economic conditions placed on families and are committed to delivering an affordable and quality Catholic education to all our students.

Given this, and to ensure our students are engaged in a digital platform that provides them contemporary learning opportunities and does not disadvantage them to their counterparts at other Catholic schools, St Mary's will be introducing an ICT Levy for all students in Years 3-6. The ICT levy will include the use of a new student device, access to school software and hardware, ICT support and insurance, as well as access to Catholic education's digital learning platform. This levy will be set at \$150 per student in Years 3-6, per year. The leasing program will provide updated devices and services every 3 years.

The table below shows the reduction of fees over the previous 2 years, and the costs associated with the inclusion of an ICT Levy in 2024.

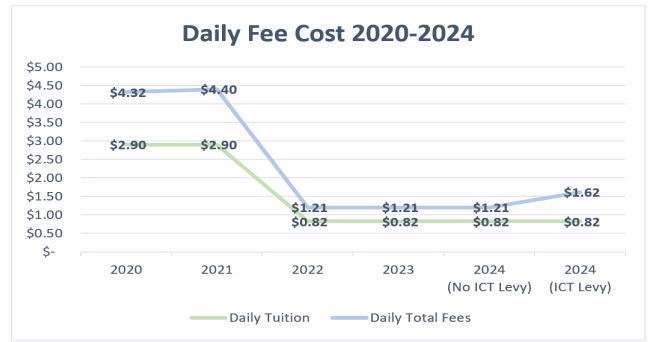
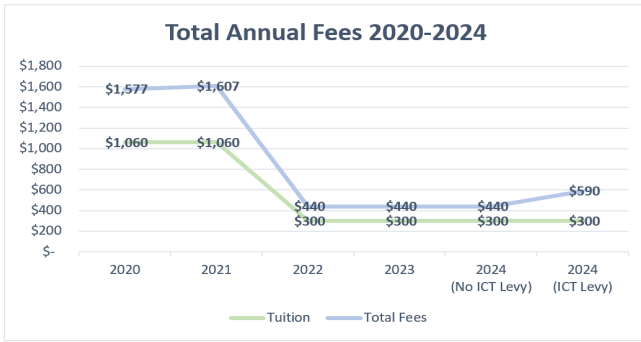
Annual Fee Schedule*

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (No ICT Levy)	2024 (ICT Levy)
Tuition	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,060	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Other Student Charges	\$ 243	\$ 243	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
Building Levy	\$ 212	\$ 212	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90
P&F Levy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Other Family Charges	\$ 62	\$ 92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Annual Fees	\$1,577	\$1,607	\$440	\$440	\$440	\$590

Average daily cost	\$4.32	\$4.40	\$1.21	\$1.21	\$1.21	\$1.62	+\$0.41
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* Fee schedule above is based on Year One student fees.

The tables below show the annual fees reflective of the change, and also the daily costs of education for the first child enrolled. This equates to \$1.62 per student (Years 3-6) per day, which is 41 cents higher than 2023. For Kindy – Year 2 the daily cost remains at \$1.21 for the first child per per day.



Given this, our fees structure for 2024, as endorsed by the School Advisory Council and Catholic education can be found below. You will notice that sibling discounts still apply, as does the Building Levy and P&F Levy per family.

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Fees Structure 2024

Kindy to Year 6	Tuition	Building Levy (Per Family)	P&F Levy (Per Family)	Sub Total
1st Child	\$300	\$90	\$50	\$440
2nd Child - 20% disc	\$240			\$680
3rd Child - 40% disc	\$180			\$860
4th Child - 100% disc	Free			\$860
ICT Levy \$150 per child Years 3-6				
In 2024, all children from Year 3-6 will have an additional \$150 ICT levy. The ICT levy supports the school in ensuring our students are kept up to date with advances in Technology and Education. The ICT levy includes a school device, insurance, support and access to our network and online resources				

Further information regarding the fee structure and payment options (of which there are many) will be communicated with families early in the new year.

We are a small school with many vacant seats per class. This has many benefits; however, it also makes managing our finances extremely difficult. As a School Advisory Council, we work to the best of our ability to ensure our students do not miss out and that our teachers are supported in their important role of educating all our children. If you have any queries or concerns, or if you are experiencing financial distress, please make a time to meet with me to discuss your options.

Kind regards

Andrew Gammon
Principal