

SOPHIA
COLLEGE



2021 Fee and Levy Schedule

Sophia College aims to provide a quality education to all students. The College, as a non-government school, does not receive sufficient grants from the Commonwealth and State governments to cover all running costs and in order for this to be achieved, fees and levies are required to be charged.

Sophia College’s fees and levies reflect the community’s CTC (Capacity to Contribute) and are calculated in consideration of:

- 2011 Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling
- The Brisbane Catholic Education school resourcing model with reference to the legislated funding methodology (with School Resource Standard and local Socio-Economic Status)
- Estimated DMI scores (Direct Measure Income).

	Single Child	2nd Child	3 rd Child	4 th Child	5 th Child
Tuition Fee	\$1,315.00	\$986.25 (25% discount)	\$657.50 (50% discount)	\$328.75 (75% discount)	\$0.00 (100% discount)
Resources and IT Levy (per student)	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Capital Levy (per Family)	\$585.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Parents & Community Levy (per Family)	\$50.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ANNUAL TOTAL	\$3,000.00	\$2,036.25	\$1,707.50	\$1,378.75	\$1050.00

Sibling discounts apply for children from the same family who are enrolled at Sophia College.

If annual fees are paid in full by 31 March families receive a 5% discount on the **tuition fee** component.

For those families experiencing short or long-term genuine inability to pay fees, we are committed to providing support to ensure that enrolment is not compromised. Please refer to our concession policy for further information including the concession application process. Families are encouraged to discuss the matter with the Business Manager as soon as convenient.

Fees and Levies collected at Sophia College are used for the following purposes which are aligned to the Vision and Mission of the College:

Capital Levy	To cover repayments on buildings and maintenance
Parents and Community Levy	To support the work of parents and the community within the college

<p>Resources and IT Levy</p>	<p>This levy covers costs inclusive of: College Annual Magazine Library Fee Reports Handbooks Pastoral activities Subject costs Excursions Class Competitions Laptop or other technology device as determined</p>	<p>Most materials for practical subjects Textbook hire Photocopying Computer and peripheral hardware Computer software IT support LAN/WAN facilities Internet costs</p>
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ADDITIONAL CHARGES

The following items are some examples of activities that will be charged as additional costs to your fees and levies:

- End of year functions
- Camps, retreats, interstate/overseas trips
- Term 4 Sport

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Families are invited to pay their College account via one of the following methods of payment:

- BPAY
- Agreed Payment Plan by Direct Debit, Credit Card or BPAY
- Online via Mastercard/Visa card through the College website by clicking the Enrolment tab, Enrolment Criteria Process and selecting 'Bpoint'
- EFTPOS – Debit and Credit Cards at the College Finance Office

The College does not accept payment by cash and cheque.

Payment of the school fee and levy account is by regular instalments. All payment plans must ensure that the account is cleared by the last day of the school year or as negotiated with the Business Manager.



EXTENSION OF PAYMENT

If an extension is required, please contact the College Business Manager prior to when the debt is due.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT DEPOSIT

For students enrolling for 2022 and onwards, a **non-refundable** deposit of \$100.00 will be charged, when the enrolment of the student is confirmed.

The Confirmation of Enrolment deposit can be paid directly through the College website by clicking the Enrolment tab and selecting 'Fees Payment Online' or via the Parent Portal.

CONDITIONS RELATING TO TEXT HIRE

Sophia College operates a “Text Hire Scheme” for both print books and access to digital resources. These are the terms and conditions to which you agree when your child hires any items from the College’s hire scheme, in either print or digital form.

Students are issued with the textbooks/resources at the commencement of the school year or as required during the year, in either print and / or digital form:

- Students will be responsible for **ALL PRINT AND DIGITAL TEXTS AND EQUIPMENT** issued in their name via the textbook hire scheme. **Full replacement cost** will be expected for any **damage, loss or theft of print items or equipment**.
- All books and equipment on hire must be returned to the College **BEFORE** the student leaves school each year. Any print books or equipment that have been lost, stolen or damaged beyond what is deemed reasonable wear and tear will be charged to the family and requested to be paid for in full before the student leaves the school.

Any student with print books or equipment outstanding from the previous year will be ineligible to borrow from the hire scheme, until all outstanding responsibilities have been met.

All students are responsible for the digital versions of textbooks and must remove these from their digital devices at the end of each school year.

EXITING STUDENTS AND REFUND POLICY

4 weeks notification is required when a student leaves the College. Written notification must be forwarded to the Principal. Student textbooks, library books and laptops and all accessories are required to be returned to the College.

At the Principal’s discretion, an adjustment to the Statement of Fees and Levies may be applied based on the number of weeks the student attended the College during the term.

If any fees remain outstanding, they will be payable as per the normal payment terms and where appropriate, any fees in credit will be refunded.