



2025 Schedule of Fees and Levies



The College has simplified the 2025 fee structure with the Laptop Levy, Camps/Incursions/Retreats, and the Curriculum and Resource Levy being consolidated into a single streamlined charge, now referred to as the Resource and Student Levy.

The **Resource and Student Levy** is an all-inclusive fee that covers a wide range of resources and services essential to student education and well-being, including but not limited to:

- College Yearbook
- Library resources
- Student ID card and diary
- Locker padlock and maintenance
- Student reports
- Pastoral care activities
- Subject-specific costs
- Sports and excursions (excluding co-curricular activities)
- Class competitions
- Teaching and class consumables
- Laptop provision
- Textbook hire scheme
- Computer hardware and peripherals
- Software and IT support
- Camps, Retreats and Guest speakers

The adjustment in Fees and Levies aligns with recommendations from Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE). The primary driver for these increases is the updated government funding model, which is determined by student needs and based on the **Direct Measure of Income (DMI)** score.



First Child	Year 7 - 9	Year 10 - 11
Tuition Fee	\$1,576.00	\$1,716.00
Resource and Student Levy	\$1,900.00	\$2,150.00
Capital Levy	\$772.00	\$772.00
Parent and Community Levy	\$50.00	\$50.00
TOTAL ANNUAL COST (per student)	\$4,298.00	\$4,688.00

Second Child	Year 7 - 9	Year 10 - 11
Tuition Fee	\$1,184.00	\$1,288.00
Resource and Student Levy	\$1,900.00	\$2,150.00
TOTAL ANNUAL COST (per student)	\$3,084.00	\$3,438.00

Third Child	Year 7 - 9	Year 10 - 11
Tuition Fee	\$788.00	\$860.00
Resource and Student Levy	\$1,900.00	\$2,150.00
TOTAL ANNUAL COST (per student)	\$2,688.00	\$3,010.00

Fourth Child	Year 7 - 9	Year 10 - 11
Tuition Fee	\$396.00	\$428.00
Resource and Student Levy	\$1,900.00	\$2,150.00
TOTAL ANNUAL COST (per student)	\$2,296.00	\$2,578.00

Additional Charges

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

- Opening Mass – Yr 7 Bucket Hat Presentation (\$25.00) – *billed term 1*
- Replacement and Repairs to damaged laptops
- Kokoda
- End of Year Activities e.g. Wet n Wild Excursion
- Co-curricular Performing Arts
- Japanese Excursion
- Choir/Music Lessons
- Co-curricular Sport i.e Representative Sport
- Senior Jersey

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



Please note:

In accordance with the College's code of conduct, it is imperative that students adhere to established behavioural expectations. Should a student's behaviour fall short of these expectations, families will be promptly notified. It is important to note that in such cases, no refunds will be applied, as adherence to the College's code of conduct is a fundamental aspect of the enrolment agreement. This policy ensures a conducive learning environment and fosters a sense of responsibility among students for their actions while enrolled at Sophia College.

School fees and levies are the financial charges that all families are required to pay for their child's education at a school.

These fees cover various aspects of the educational experience and the school's operational costs. A breakdown of how the fees and levies are generated and managed is as follows:

Fee Responsibility:

The parent/s and/or legal guardian/s who have signed the Enrolment application including financial obligation disclosure with the College are jointly and severally liable for the student's tuition fees and levies, as well as any other costs associated with the student's attendance at the College unless a Court Order states differently. A copy of any relevant Court Order or other documents stating amendments to financial and/or parental responsibility arrangements must be provided to the College. New enrolment contracts may be necessary to adhere to court order directions. If a parent/guardian arranges for a third party to pay the fees, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure payments occur.

Billing Periods:

The fees and levies are generated each term, and families receive an emailed statement outlining the charges. There are typically four billing periods in an academic year, corresponding to each term.

Fees are typically due within 14 days from the day of issue of the statement. It is important for families to pay the fees by these dates, unless they have arranged an approved payment plan with the school.

It is the responsibility of the parent/s to review the emailed statements carefully, understanding the breakdown of charges, and make the necessary payments by the specified due dates.

Annual Fee Discount:

If families choose to pay the annual fees in full by the end of February, a 5% discount will be applied. *This discount applies only to the family tuition fee component and not to other charges or levies.*

Overdue Payments

The College is supportive of families in difficult financial circumstances. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact the college Business Manager, to discuss their circumstances.

There remains an expectation that families will make every effort to pay full fees and that families will respond to all communications in this regard.

In cases where reminder notices are continually ignored or arrangements to meet fee arrears are not met, the College may pursue legal action to recover outstanding fees and levies.

Absences

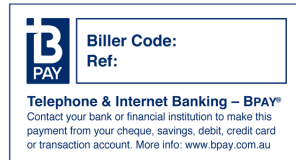
No fee deduction is made for any delays in a student returning at the beginning of term or for absences during the term and/or at the end of the term.



Methods of Payment

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

- BPAY, Direct Debit or Credit Card – please contact the Finance Office for information to set up via these methods of payments;
- BPOINT - 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
- Qkr! by Mastercard



The College does not accept payment by cash and cheque.

Text Hire

As part of the textbook scheme, students are issued with textbooks and resources at the beginning of the school year or as required throughout the year, in either print or digital format. We kindly request that you review and understand the following terms and conditions, which your child agrees to when participating in the hire scheme:

1. Responsibility for Print and Digital Items:
 - Students are responsible for ALL PRINT AND DIGITAL TEXTS AND EQUIPMENT issued in their name through the textbook hire scheme.
 - In the event of damage, loss, or theft of print items or equipment, students will be expected to pay the full replacement cost.
2. Return of Print Books and Equipment:
 - All books and equipment obtained through the hire scheme must be returned to the College BEFORE the student leaves school each year.
 - If any print books or equipment have been lost, stolen, or damaged beyond reasonable wear and tear, the family will be charged for the cost of replacement. This payment must be made in full before the student leaves the school.
3. Ineligibility for Borrowing:
 - Any student who has outstanding print books or equipment from the previous year will be ineligible to borrow from the hire scheme until all outstanding responsibilities have been met.
4. Responsibility for Digital Versions:
 - All students are responsible for the digital versions of textbooks.
 - At the end of each school year, students must remove the digital versions of textbooks from their digital devices.

We kindly request that you discuss these terms and conditions with your child to ensure their understanding of their responsibilities. By participating in the Text Hire Scheme, your child will have access to the necessary resources for their studies while attending Sophia College. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Text Hire Scheme or its terms and conditions, please don't hesitate to contact the school administration.



Exiting Students

When a student leaves the College, it is important to provide written notification to the Principal at least four weeks in advance of the student's departure.

Written notification should be forwarded to the Principal, indicating the intended date of departure and any relevant details. This notification period allows the College to make necessary arrangements and adjustments.

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. Please note that any adjustments made will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Additionally, we kindly request that all student textbooks, library books, laptops, and their accessories (such as locks and ID cards) be returned to the College upon the student's departure. If any of these items are not returned or are in need of repair, a replacement cost will be charged to the family and reflected in the final statement.

Furthermore, any outstanding fees should be settled as per the normal payment terms. If there are any fees in credit, they will be refunded to the appropriate parties.

We appreciate your cooperation in following these procedures, as they help ensure a smooth transition for all parties involved. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the College administration.

Need Further Information

For any enquiries regarding fee account information please contact splafinance@bne.catholic.edu.au

Our Fees and Concessions policy can be found on our College website.