



STELLA MARIS PARISH SCHOOL



2025

FEE STRUCTURE AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Reception – Year 6 Primary School

2025 SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE

	Full Fee 2025	Low Income Fees 2025
Reception to Year 2 (per student)	\$2,920.00	\$1,752.00
Year 3 - 5 (per student)	\$3,400.00	\$2,232.00
Year 6 (per student)	\$3,800.00	\$2,632.00
Capital Development Fee (per family)	\$390.00	\$390.00

We are pleased to present the 2025 School Fee structure to you. As you can see from the fee structure above there will be a small increase in school tuition fees for the 2025 school year. By increasing our tuition fees by 2% we can better support our school community with improvements to facilities, human capital and infrastructure, now and into the future. Prudent financial management, and extremely high levels of fee payments help us to do this. It is at the heart of Catholic education that our schools are affordable and accessible to all. If any family has financial concerns, we ask them to contact Kathy Groat to confidentially discuss additional support through fee remissions.

While you will see that you are invoiced one 'fee' amount (as above), which is all inclusive, at Stella Maris, there are three parts to our school fees. The first - known as the Tuition fee, supports our school (along with Government funding) to cover the everyday costs associated with your child attending our school - staffing, resources, and stationery - the list goes on. This is an equal R-6 fee.

The second part is the 'added extras' which we provide for your child which we see as essential in their schooling experiences. This is where the difference in the R-2 and 3-6 fee occurs. The Year 3-6 fees in this part are higher than the R-2 fee. This is due to the extra elements which our Y3-6 students receive as part of their engagement at school, including the laptop devices, camps and for Year 6 students jumpers, tops, and other final year experiences in which they are involved.

The third part of our fee is the Capital Development levy, which is a family-based fee to support our school with our Capital Development and ensuring our facilities remain contemporary and up to date.

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What discounts are available?

Sibling Discount

The following discount on the SMPS Tuition Fee applies to families with more than one student at Stella Maris Parish School.

2 Children	\$100.00
3 Children	\$200.00
4 Children	\$300.00

External Sibling Discount

The calculation of the sibling discount on tuition fees (above) can include students who have siblings attending another SA Catholic School.

To access this discount for 2025, all eligible families who have children attending another SA Catholic School are required to complete the External Siblings section of the attached form.

What other costs can I expect to be charged in 2025?

The 2025 Tuition Fee structure includes tuition fees and all levies. The fees do exclude other 'optional' costs that will be dependent on the year level/s and interests of your child/ren. These expenses are incurred by students who wish to participate in those areas of school life.

After school sport	Per child per year based on sport nomination via QKR!
CSMF Choir	Per child per year on CSMF choir nomination via QKR!
Music Tuition	See relevant music tutor for these costs.
Before & After School Care	These are billed and paid separately by our OSH provider - Our Patch

When will I be invoiced?

The full year's fee is invoiced in January 2025 and a statement will be posted to families.

What options are available to pay school fees?

Please find enclosed the 'School Payment Plan Form'. It is a requirement that all families complete the form and return to the office by no later than Wednesday 11th December 2024. There is an expectation that school fees are paid in full or by an approved regular payment plan weekly, fortnightly, monthly or termly.

Stella Maris Parish School's Fee Policy requires fees to be paid by the 1st December in the year in which they are incurred.

Option 1	Regular direct debit throughout the year (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) to cover annual fees in full by no later than 1st of December 2025.
Option 2	Full Annual payment by 31st March 2025 – \$100 per student discount if all fees are paid.
Option 3	Term payments – annual fees divided by three and due on: 28 February 2025, 30th May 2025 and 22nd August 2025 .

If you are unable to pay by the due date or have difficulty in making payments, please contact our Business Manager to discuss a financial payment plan on 8306 4833.

- Direct Debit and Direct Credit (authorities attached)
- BPay – Transaction will appear on your bank statement with the reference 9074....
- Cash or Cheque Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard)
- EFTPOS
- Qkr! – Phone app or website payment, please see www.smps.catholic.edu.au for instructions





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Low Income Family Support

Stella Maris Parish School has always supported families who require assistance with their school fees, and this will never change. SMPS offers families experiencing hardship a Low Income Family Support Remission by application. The income thresholds for the 2025 Low Income Family Support Remission align with the 2025 SA Government School Card Scheme.

Families will automatically qualify for the Low Income Family Support Remission by applying and being eligible to receive 2025 SA Government School Card. School Card Applications for 2025 open early January and are submitted either by a School Card Application Form available from the Office or online at:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/departments/about-department/minister-education-and-child-development-decd/external-relations/school-card-non-government-schools>.

Should you be ineligible for School Card in 2025, Stella Maris Parish School is flexible to your family situation. Please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Groat, Business Manager to arrange an Application for Fee Support for 2025.

Fee collection

Upon enrolling your child in a Catholic school, parents/guardians enter into a partnership with the school to engage, encourage, and support their child's education. This partnership extends to families acting in good faith and spirit to fulfil their financial obligations to the school through their adherence to the agreed fee arrangement.

The Stella Maris Parish School Fee Policy, underpinned by CESA Fee Policy exists to ensure a fair and equitable school fee collection process to all families enrolled at Stella Maris Parish School.

What if my child leaves prior to the end of term or at the end of the school year?

One term's notice in writing to the Principal must be provided by parents/caregivers whose child/ren are leaving the school during a term or at the end of the school year.

Failure to provide a term's notice will result in fees being payable for the following term dependent upon the circumstances.

What if my child commences part way through the year?

Students commencing part way through the year will be invoiced tuition fees and charges and have discounts applied on a pro rata basis reflective of their commencement date at the school.

Who do I contact if I have a question about this information?

Kathy Groat, Business Manager
Monday to Friday 8.00am until 4.00pm
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