

Fees Payment via Centrepay



Payment of School Fees and Levies via Centrepay

What is Centrepay?

Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers receiving payment (Family Tax Benefit, parenting allowances etc) from Centrelink. Centrepay allows you to pay a regular amount towards school fees and levies by having an amount deducted from your Centrelink payment.

Which Schools & Colleges offer Centrepay?

An increasing number of parents, schools and colleges in the Cairns Diocese are seeing the benefit of using Centrepay for payment of school fees and levies. Schools and colleges are required to register with Centrelink before this service can be offered to families.

If the school or college your children attend do not yet offer Centrepay an enquiry can be made at the school office.

Benefits of paying school fees and levies via Centrepay

- The total fees and levies owing becomes more manageable if a regular amount is paid on a consistent basis (per fortnight).
- Centrepay enables families to better manage their money and to meet financial commitments to the school.
- The payment to the school or college is made before the Centrelink payment is received, making home budgeting easier.
- Centrelink does not charge a fee to make a school fee deduction from your allowance.
- The school fee deduction can be changed or suspended at any time.
- Schools and colleges receive payment on a regular basis ensuring funds are available to meet expenses associated with operating the school and college.

To commence paying school fees and levies via Centrepay

- Enquire at your school office if the school is registered with Centrepay.
- If the school is registered options to commence deductions include:
 - Arrange deduction online using Centrelink online through my.gov.au
 - Arrange deduction over the phone at 136 150
 - Complete the deduction form available at the school office and return to Centrelink by post, online or fax.
- If the school is not registered, registration can be arranged (at the discretion of the school).