



**25 June 2020**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

**Update on tuition fees for Term 3 and for 2021**

On behalf of all who work in the Catholic Education community in Cairns I would like to thank you again for your ongoing support of our schools as we negotiate this challenging period in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The last term has been like no other, and as it draws to a close, we can share a sense of achievement that our children's education continued, albeit in ways we might never have imagined only a few months ago.

I would like to advise all families of tuition fee arrangements for Term 3 and to advise there will be no increase in tuition fees at our schools and colleges in 2021.

**Term 3 tuition fees**

The Concession Card discount on tuition fees will continue at 100% in Term 3. New recipients of these cards will have their discounts backdated to Term 2.

Term 3 family invoices will be sent in Week 4. Families with a newly acquired Concession Card should present the card to their school prior to Week 4 although the discount can be backdated to Term 2 if the card is acquired or presented later than Week 4.

Families not eligible for the Concession Card but which are experiencing financial hardship should contact their Principal – fee relief is available, and all requests will be treated with respect, sensitivity and confidentiality.

As we have advised previously we expect families which have not experienced financial hardship to continue to pay their fees. This supports our schools' commitment to continue to provide high quality education for your children and also assists our capacity to provide assistance to families in genuine need.

**2021 fees**

In 2021 there will be no increase in tuition fees, a decision made in response to our expectation that many families will continue to experience financial hardship as our regional economy continues its recovery from the coronavirus impacts.

Although this decision only affects tuition fees, all schools and colleges will be reviewing their school levies with a view to maintaining fees to the current levels or minimising any increase to what is absolutely necessary.

For Catholic schools, the need to charge tuition fees and levies arises from the lower funding that is provided by governments for students in non-government schools. Tuition fees are used by schools to meet ongoing expenditure of the school. A minor portion of the tuition fee is used



to fund the purchase of land for existing and new schools and accommodation for teaching staff in remote areas.

The 2021 tuition fee schedule for families with children attending primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Cairns is attached. Sibling discounts will continue to be offered to families with more than one child enrolled in one or more Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese, at 15% for two students, 30% for three students and no additional tuition fee for four or more students.

I appreciate that some families may face financial hardship in meeting fees and levies. It is important that families who want to access Catholic Education for their children are not excluded because they do not have the means to pay fees. It is our policy and practice to assist any family in this situation.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to Catholic Education. We are proud of the quality of education provided in our schools and we are keenly aware and grateful for your support.

With best wishes,



Bill Dixon  
Executive Director



# Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns

## 2021 TUITION FEES



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The approximate cost of the tuition fee component of a Catholic primary school education over a 40-week school year is \$39.60 per week (or \$30.46 per calendar week). For a secondary education, the approximate tuition fee ranges from \$67.93 per school week (\$52.25 per calendar week) for lower secondary to \$83.33 per school week (\$64.10 per calendar week) for upper secondary.

School Fees also comprise of levies, which vary from school to school, and may include items such as a Building Levy, Subject Levies and General-Purpose Levy. Levies in secondary colleges add approximately \$60 per week. These approximations are before Subsequent Child and Rural Location discounts.

Discounts apply for families with more than one child attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns. In primary and secondary schools, a 15% discount on tuition fees applies for two children, a 30% discount for three children, and up to a 70% discount for seven children.

In Catholic secondary colleges, a 15% discount on tuition fees applies for two children, 30% for three children, and up to a 70% discount for seven children. Families with children at both primary and secondary Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese also receive a discount even though the children are at two different Catholic schools.

Twelve primary schools in the diocese and three secondary colleges attract a further discount because of their rural location and/or having limited access to a Catholic secondary college.

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes below, to assist with calculating fees from the **2021 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule**, overleaf.

### Explanatory Notes

- **To calculate tuition fees payable, the following steps are necessary;**
  - a) Determine number of students per family attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns.
  - b) Identify that column in Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule (top of schedule).
  - c) Identify annual fee per student from that column for each level of education the students are receiving. That is Primary, Middle School, Lower Secondary or Upper Secondary.
  - d) If the students are attending a 'Country Discount' school the annual fee per student is the fee per student after country discount.
- **Examples of tuition fee calculation for different family structures are; (non-country discount schools)**
  - **2 Student family with both students in Primary School**
    - a) From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,346.40.
    - b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,346.40 per student times 2 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$2,692.80.
  - **3 Student family with all students in Primary School**
    - a) From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,108.80.
    - b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,108.80 per student times 3 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$3,326.40.
  - **2 Student family with 1 student in Primary and 1 student in Lower Secondary**
    - a) From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee for the primary student is \$1,346.40 and the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$2,309.45.
    - c) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$3,655.85 (\$1,346.40 + \$2,309.45).
  - **3 Student family with 1 student in Primary, 1 student in Lower Secondary and 1 student in Upper Secondary**
    - a) From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee for the primary student is \$1,108.80, the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$1,901.90 and the annual fee for the upper secondary student is \$2,333.10.
    - b) Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$5,343.80 (\$1,108.80 + \$1,901.90 + \$2,333.10).

## Catholic Diocese of Cairns 2021 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule

TUITION FEE PER STUDENT							
Number of Students in Parish & Diocesan Schools							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>PREP &amp; PRIMARY - YEARS P-6</b>	No additional charge for 4 or more siblings						
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
PREP & PRIMARY - per week (40 wks)	39.60	33.66	27.72	20.79	16.63	13.86	11.88
PREP & PRIMARY - per term	396.00	336.60	277.20	207.90	166.32	138.60	118.80
2021 - PREP & PRIMARY - per year	\$1,585.00	\$1,346.40	\$1,108.80	\$831.60	\$665.28	\$554.40	\$475.20
<i>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</i>	<i>-\$158.40</i>	<i>-\$134.64</i>	<i>-\$110.88</i>	<i>-\$83.16</i>	<i>-\$66.53</i>	<i>-\$55.44</i>	<i>-\$47.52</i>
<b>2021 - PREP &amp; PRIMARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT</b>	<b>\$1,425.60</b>	<b>\$1,211.76</b>	<b>\$997.92</b>	<b>\$748.44</b>	<b>\$598.75</b>	<b>\$498.96</b>	<b>\$427.68</b>

<b>2021 - MIDDLE SCHOOL (St Andrew's College)</b>	<b>\$2,011</b>	<b>\$1,709</b>	<b>\$1,407</b>	<b>\$1,055</b>	<b>\$844</b>	<b>\$703</b>	<b>\$603</b>
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### LOWER SECONDARY - YEARS 7-9

	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
LOWER SECONDARY - per week (40 wks)	67.93	57.74	47.55	35.66	28.53	23.77	20.38
LOWER SECONDARY - per term	679.32	577.36	475.48	356.61	285.29	237.74	203.78
2021 - LOWER SECONDARY - per year	\$2,717.00	\$2,309.45	\$1,901.90	\$1,426.43	\$1,141.14	\$950.95	\$815.10
<i>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</i>	<i>-\$271.70</i>	<i>-\$230.95</i>	<i>-\$190.19</i>	<i>-\$142.64</i>	<i>-\$114.11</i>	<i>-\$95.10</i>	<i>-\$81.51</i>
<b>2021 - LOWER SECONDARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT</b>	<b>\$2,445.30</b>	<b>\$2,078.51</b>	<b>\$1,711.71</b>	<b>\$1,283.78</b>	<b>\$1,027.03</b>	<b>\$855.86</b>	<b>\$733.59</b>

### UPPER SECONDARY - YEARS 10-12

	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
UPPER SECONDARY - per week (40 wks)	83.33	70.83	58.33	43.75	35.00	29.17	25.00
UPPER SECONDARY - per term	833.33	708.33	583.33	437.50	350.00	291.66	250.00
2021 - UPPER SECONDARY - per year	\$3,333	\$2,833	\$2,333	\$1,750	\$1,400	\$1,167	\$1,000
<i>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</i>	<i>-\$333</i>	<i>-\$283</i>	<i>-\$233</i>	<i>-\$175</i>	<i>-\$140</i>	<i>-\$117</i>	<i>-\$100</i>
<b>2021 - UPPER SECONDARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$2,550</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>\$1,575</b>	<b>\$1,260</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>	<b>\$900</b>

### Schools Qualifying as Country Discount

St Joseph's School, Atherton  
 St Michael's School, Gordonvale  
 St John's School, Silkwood  
 St Clare's School, Tully  
 Good Counsel Primary School, Innisfail

St Rita's School, Babinda  
 St Augustine's School, Mossman  
 St Rita's School, South Johnstone  
 St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe  
 St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa

St Anthony's School, Dimbulah  
 Mount St Bernard College, Herberton  
 St Stephen's Catholic College, Mareeba  
 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Thursday Island  
 Good Counsel College, Innisfail

### In addition to the above schools the 2021 Tuition Fee Schedule applies to;

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlville  
 St Thomas' School, Mareeba  
 Mother of Good Counsel School, North Cairns  
 St Joseph's School, Parramatta Park  
 St Augustine's College, Cairns

St Therese's School, Bentley Park  
 Holy Cross School, Trinity Park  
 St Gerard Majella School, Woree  
 St Monica's College, Cairns  
 St Mary's Catholic College, Woree

St Francis Xavier's School, Manunda  
 St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch  
 MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter