



2023 Tuition Fees

The approximate cost of the tuition fee component of a Catholic primary school education over a 40 week school year is \$41.60 per week (or \$32.00 per calendar week). For a secondary education, the approximate tuition fee ranges from \$71.30 per school week (\$54.85 per calendar week) for lower secondary to \$87.55 per school week (\$67.35 per calendar week) for upper secondary. These approximations are before Subsequent Child and Rural Location discounts.

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 \$65 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. This discount applies even if children are at different Catholic schools within the Cairns Diocese.

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 2023 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule, overleaf.

Explanatory Notes

To calculate tuition fees payable, the following steps are necessary;

- Determine number of students per family attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns.
- Identify that column in Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule (top of schedule).
- Identify annual fee per student from that column for each level of education the students are receiving. That is Primary, Lower Secondary or Upper Secondary.
- 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 (non-country discount schools) are:

2 Student family with both students in Primary School

- From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,414.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,414 per student times 2 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$2,828.

3 Student family with all students in Primary School

- From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,164.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,164 per student times 3 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$3,492.

2 Student family with 1 student in Primary and 1 student in Lower Secondary

- From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee for the primary student is \$1,414 and the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$2,424.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$3,838 (\$1,414 + \$2,424).

3 Student family with 1 student in Primary, 1 student in Lower Secondary and 1 student in Upper Secondary

- From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee for the primary student is \$1,164, the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$1,996 and the annual fee for the upper secondary student is \$2,451.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$5,611 (\$1,164 + \$1,996 + \$2,451).



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Catholic Diocese of Cairns 2023 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule

| Tuition Fee Per Student | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Number of Students in Parish & Diocesan Schools | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |

Prep & Primary - Years P-6

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) | 41 | 35 | 29 | 21 | 17 | 14 | 12 |
| Prep & Primary - per term | 416 | 353 | 291 | 218 | 174 | 145 | 124 |
| 2023 - Prep & Primary - per year | 1664 | 1414 | 1164 | 873 | 698 | 582 | 499 |
| <i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i> | -167 | -141 | -116 | -87 | -70 | -58 | -50 |
| 2023 - Prep & Primary after country discount | \$1497 | \$1272 | \$1047 | \$785 | \$628 | \$523 | \$449 |

Lower Secondary - Years 7-9

| Discount Percentage | 0.0% | 15.0% | 30.0% | 47.5% | 58.0% | 65.0% | 70.0% |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Lower Secondary - per week (40 wks) | 71 | 60 | 49 | 37 | 29 | 24 | 21 |
| Lower Secondary - per term | 713 | 606 | 499 | 374 | 299 | 249 | 213 |
| 2023 - Lower Secondary - per year | 2852 | 2424 | 1996 | 1497 | 1197 | 998 | 855 |
| <i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i> | -286 | -243 | -200 | -150 | -120 | -100 | -85 |
| 2023 - Lower Secondary after country discount | \$2566 | \$2181 | \$1796 | \$1347 | \$1077 | \$898 | \$769 |

Upper Secondary - Years 10-12

| Discount Percentage | 0.0% | 15.0% | 30.0% | 47.5% | 58.0% | 65.0% | 70.0% |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Upper Secondary - per week (40 wks) | 87 | 74 | 61 | 45 | 36 | 30 | 26 |
| Upper Secondary - per term | 875 | 744 | 612 | 459 | 367 | 306 | 262 |
| 2023 - Upper Secondary - per year | 3502 | 2976 | 2451 | 1838 | 1470 | 1225 | 1050 |
| <i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i> | -351 | -298 | -245 | -184 | -147 | -122 | -105 |
| 2023 - Upper Secondary after country discount | \$3151 | \$2678 | \$2205 | \$1654 | \$1323 | \$1102 | \$945 |

Note: the above figures have been reported without decimals.

Schools Qualifying as Country Discount

St Joseph's School, Atherton
St Rita's School, Babinda
St Anthony's School, Dimbulah
St Michael's School, Gordonvale
St Augustine's School, Mossman
Mount St Bernard College, Herberton

St John's School, Silkwood
St Rita's School, South Johnstone
St Stephen's Catholic College, Mareeba
St Clare's School, Tully
St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Waibeni (TI)
Good Counsel Primary School, Innisfail
St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa
Good Counsel College, Innisfail

In addition to the above schools the 2023 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
Newman Catholic College, Smithfield

