

The approximate cost of the tuition fee component of a Catholic primary school education over a 40-week school year is \$45.70 per week (\$35.15 per calendar week). For secondary education, the approximate tuition fee ranges from \$78.30 per school week (\$60.23 per calendar week) for lower secondary to \$96.18 per school week (\$73.98 per calendar week) for upper secondary. These approximations are before subsequent child and rural location discounts.

School fees also comprise levies, which vary from school to school, and may include items like Capital Levy, Resource or Year Levies and Activities Levies. Levies in secondary colleges add approximately \$80 per week.

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 Diocese of Cairns.

Twelve primary schools and three secondary colleges in the Diocese of Cairns 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 2026 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 the 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:

Two Student family with both students in Primary School

- From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,554.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,554 per student times 2 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$3,108.

Three Student family with all students in Primary School

- From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,279.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,279 per student times 3 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$3,837.

Two 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 \$1,554 and the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$2,662.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$4,216 (\$1,554 + \$2,662).

Three 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 \$1,279, the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$2,192 and the annual fee for the upper secondary student is \$2,693.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$6,164 (\$1,279 + \$2,192 + \$2,693).

2026 Tuition Fees

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Catholic Diocese of Cairns 2026 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)	46	39	32	24	19	16	14
Prep & Primary - per term	457	388	320	240	192	160	137
2026 - Prep & Primary - per year	1828	1554	1279	960	768	640	548
<i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i>	<i>-183</i>	<i>-156</i>	<i>-128</i>	<i>-96</i>	<i>-77</i>	<i>-64</i>	<i>-55</i>
2026 - Prep & Primary after country discount	\$ 1645	\$ 1398	\$ 1151	\$ 864	\$ 691	\$ 576	\$ 493

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)	78	67	55	41	33	27	23
Lower Secondary - per term	783	665	548	411	329	274	235
2026 - Lower Secondary - per year	3132	2662	2192	1644	1315	1096	940
<i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i>	<i>-314</i>	<i>-267</i>	<i>-220</i>	<i>-165</i>	<i>-132</i>	<i>-110</i>	<i>-94</i>
2026 - Lower Secondary after country discount	\$ 2,818	\$ 2395	\$ 1973	\$ 1479	\$ 1184	\$ 986	\$ 845

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)	96	82	67	50	40	34	29
Upper Secondary - per term	962	818	673	505	404	337	289
2026 - Upper Secondary - per year	3847	3270	2693	2020	1616	1346	1154
<i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i>	<i>-384</i>	<i>-327</i>	<i>-270</i>	<i>-202</i>	<i>-162</i>	<i>-135</i>	<i>-116</i>
2026 - Upper Secondary after country discount	\$ 3462	\$ 2943	\$ 2423	\$ 1818	\$ 1454	\$ 1212	\$ 1039

Note: the above figures have been reported without decimals.

Schools Qualifying as Country Discount

St Joseph's School, Atherton
St Michael's School, Gordonvale

Mount St Bernard College, Herberton
St Clare's School, Tully
Good Counsel Primary School, Innisfail

St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa
Good Counsel College, Innisfail

In addition to the above schools the 2026 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 Stephen's Catholic College, Mareeba
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