



St. Joseph's Primary School

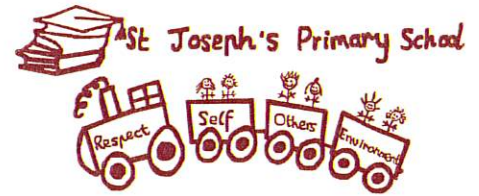
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School Fees & Levies 2023

Dear Family,

The setting of school fees and levies is an annual process in preparation for the year ahead. The process involves a review of current fees and levies in light of the annual budget and consultation with the school board. This year we have worked particularly hard to keep any cost increases to an absolute minimum. Below is an outline of school fees and levies for the 2023 school year.

School Fees (family fee): \$1130

Per Student Levy

This levy covers a range of expenses, including; classroom supplies, technology and specialist programs.

Year Prep - Three: \$270

Year Four - Six: \$440

Learning Experiences Levy

This levy covers camp, excursion, incursions and physical education costs.

Year Prep - Two: \$150

Year Three - Four: \$150 + \$230 Billabong Camp (October 2023)

Year Five - Six: \$150 + \$280 Sunnystones Camp (October 2023)

To calculate your school fee:

Add the school fee for your child/ren

Plus, the Student Levy

Plus, the Learning Levy

Include Camp Cost (if applicable)

If you **divide the total amount by 4**, you will have the approximate amount to pay for your family each term.

If you **divide the total amount by 41**, you will have the necessary amount to pay each school week.

	1x Child in Yr Prep-2	1x Child in Yr 3	1x Child in Yr 4	1x Child in Yr 5 - 6
School Fee – Per Family	\$1130	\$1130	\$1130	\$1130
Student Levy	\$270	\$270	\$440	\$440
Learning Experience Levy	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Camp Fee	-	\$230	\$230	\$280
Total	\$1550	\$1780	\$1950	\$2000
Per Week (41 School Wks.)	\$28.05	\$43.41	\$47.56	\$48.78
Per Week (52 Year Wks.)	\$19.80	\$34.23	\$37.50	\$38.46
Extra Child (per Year)	\$420	\$420 + \$230 (camp)	\$590 + \$230 (camp)	\$590 + \$280 (camp)

It is important for families to note that there are a wide range of options for paying school fees and levies. Please find attached to this letter a detailed explanation of payment options.

If at any time families are experiencing challenges with fees and levies, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with me.

Kind regards,

Chris Mitchell – Principal

Payment Information
Fees and levies will be invoiced on accounts at the start of the school year. Fees are to be paid in full by the end of Term 3 being Friday 15th September 2023.

Statements will be sent out monthly and at the commencement of each term and are available upon request. The preferred option for sending statements is via email unless advised otherwise.

Payment Options:

- The school offers fortnightly or monthly direct debit facilities. You have the option of having a specified amount direct debited each fortnight/month commencing in February and finishing December each year depending upon your payment plan.
- **NB: Please see Bree at the office for further information regarding dates for Direct Debit payment.

- The school is registered for Centrepay. Families have the option of making payments to the school through their Centrelink payments. Forms for this payment method are available at the school office.
- The school accepts payment by cash or cheque. Unfortunately, we do not offer credit card facilities. This is due to the cost of fees for the system.

- Payment by Electronic Transfer directly into the school's bank account is also acceptable. Please contact Bree at the office for the school's bank account details and what is needed as a reference on the transfer. This information will also be printed on Statement of Accounts.

Government Allowances and Payments:

> Camps, Excursions, Sport Funding (CESF) Allowance:

This funding is paid to families that meet the eligibility criteria and is used to offset the costs to families for each of their children to participate in school events relating to any camps, excursions/incursions and sport. To be eligible families must:

- Hold an eligible means-tested concession card, that is; be the holder of a Veteran Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card;
- Or be a temporary Foster Parent
- AND submit an application to the school by the due date.

Grade 6 T-Shirts:

Each year students in Grade 6 select a design prepared by a class member to be screen printed onto a school polo shirt. Grade 6 students are then able to purchase these polo shirts and wear them as part of the sports uniform for their final primary school year.

PLEASE NOTE: It is not compulsory for parents to purchase these shirts.

The *estimated* cost of these shirts for 2023 is \$40 to \$45. This estimate has been based on costing for previous year and includes the polo shirt, logo embroidering and screen printing of each shirt.

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Fees and Levies - Payment Intention Form 2023

Please indicate your preferred option for the payment of school fees for the 2023 school year:
Return this sheet by: Monday 28th November 2022

Any queries – please contact the school office on 5452 1426

Family Name: _____

Child / ren's Names:	1. _____	Grade _____	Class _____
	2. _____	Grade _____	Class _____
	3. _____	Grade _____	Class _____
	4. _____	Grade _____	Class _____

- Electronic Transfer Payment (EFT), Cash or Cheque Payment
Instalment payments / Single payment. Payment in Full due by: 15th September 2023.

- Regular payments by Direct Debit
Direct Debits are processed through your bank account from February to December each fortnight: commencing February and finishing December yearly.
NB: If you have been paying your fees by Direct Debit and you wish to continue paying by this method your instalment amount for 2023 will be calculated unless you have chosen to pay a set amount.

- Regular payments by Centrepay. This is a direct paying service for people who receive a payment from Centrelink. Please contact the office to arrange collection the relevant form.

- I wish to meet with the principal to discuss an alternative option for payment.

- Eligible to CSEF Funding. *## A form is enclosed for completion. (Please send a copy of your Health Care Card when returning this form. (NB: Cards can be copied at the school office).*
To be eligible the Health Care Card must be still valid as at the 29th January 2023.

Should at any time you find that you will not be able to meet the above commitments please do not hesitate to contact the principal to discuss possible arrangements.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

