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2025 School Fee & Parental Help Information

St Paul's operates on a combination of government funding, school fees and fundraising. Fees are set on an annual basis.

EXPECTATION & COMMITMENT

Every family is expected to pay their school fees as our school budget is reliant on this income to cover recurrent costs.

To enable us to ensure families are able to meet this commitment we ask that you complete the 2025 School Fee Commitment Form indicating your preferred method and frequency of payment etc. and return to school

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2024

A member of the Admin team will then follow up with you to complete any applicable claim forms and calculate your 2025 School fee repayments.

PARENTAL HELP

Our school is a community and parental involvement is strongly encouraged and welcomed. We respect that families lead busy lifestyles and we have various ways in which you can become involved in our school community.

- Canteen Helper. Canteen operates Monday, Wednesday & Friday. No experience is necessary. It is for approx. 1-1.5 hrs (10.30am/11am until 12pm) on your rostered day. It's a great way to meet other parents.
- Continuous Raffle Prize donation. Our Continuous Raffle is drawn several times each term. Prizes (to value of \$30) for these draws are donated by families
- St Paul's Feast Day, NAIDOC Day etc.
- Fundraising Events.
- Sport. Are you able to coach a particular sport or umpire? Perhaps help out at Mini Olympics, cross country etc

It is an expectation that ALL families are involved in some way

CONCESSIONS / ASSISTANCE

Family Fee Assistance

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat makes available Family Fee Assistance (FFAS) to provide fee relief to eligible families (Pension/Health Care Card holders) and families who may experience financial difficulty. Application forms need to be completed at beginning of school year. In 2025 the FFAS will be \$880.

Student Levy Concession

3rd & subsequent children in a family attending St Paul's at the same time are entitled to a 50% reduction in the Student Levy.

Other Assistance

Families may also be to apply for the following (eligibility criteria applies):

- Victoria Conveyance Allowance – Vic resident living more than 4.8km from closest Catholic primary school
- School Student Transport Scheme – NSW resident living more than 1.6km from nearest bus stop
- Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) – must hold current health care
- Opening the Doors Foundation – indigenous student

We welcome all students and their families who share or respect our Catholic faith, values and traditions. Catholic education is supported by State and Federal funding, with families contributing the balance of the cost of educating their children. At times, some families are unable to meet their commitment to the full costs of education. As a Catholic school system, we ensure fee relief mechanisms are available to support families in time of need. We encourage these discussions on enrolment or as these needs emerge.

PAYMENT METHOD and SCHEDULE

To give families flexibility to budget in order to meet their fee commitments, payment may be made by:

- Cash • EFTPOS • Direct Debit • Direct Credit to School Bank account • Centrepay
- Annual – must be completed by Friday 4th April 2025 (conclusion of term one)
- Term – 1/3 payment must be made by the end of terms 1 2 & 3 and completed by 19th September 2025
- Weekly, fortnightly, and monthly (to be completed by November) or as arranged with the school

FEES for 2025 are made up as follows:

Fee	Annual	Applicable to	Description
School Fee	\$1060	Family	Families who feel they can afford to pay a little more than the set fee are encouraged to do so as a way of supporting families who are less fortunate. The money raised from school fees goes towards pastoral care and the general recurrent running costs associated with administering and maintaining our school buildings and grounds. One copy of the school magazine for each family is included in this fee.
Capital Fee	\$340	Family	Works of a Capital Nature (new buildings, major renovations and maintenance, major equipment purchases etc.) are wholly the responsibility of the School and Parish Community.
Continuous Raffle	\$40	Family	This is a donation to Fundraising. It is not compulsory. A raffle draw occurs at each school assembly during the year (ie: five draws per term). We will assume that you wish to participate unless you advise us otherwise.
Student Levy	\$290	Student	This levy covers student's stationery, subject levies, computer materials, computer internet access time and technology maintenance needs, materials, books, educational entertainment & excursions. 50% concession for student levy is available for 3rd and subsequent children in a family. N.B. Major camps for children from Grade 3 upwards are a separate cost.
Technology Levy (F- Gr2)	\$100	Student	This is used to assist with the maintenance, purchasing, and updates of ICT equipment which is used by all students.
Technology Levy (Gr 3-Gr 5)	\$240	Student	This is used to assist with the maintenance, purchasing, and updates of ICT equipment which is used by all students. They will have use of a specific device which is the property of the school.
Technology Levy (Gr 6)	\$90	Student	In 2025 Gr 6 students will have purchased a device in 2024. This program has been discontinued. Students will continue to use their purchased device and have a lower Tech Levy for 2025.

CAMPS

All students are expected to attend, as participation in the camp program is a vital component of the Middle (Gr 3/4) and Senior (Gr 5/6) unit curriculums.

	Amount	Year level	
Camp	\$460	Gr 3 & 4	AFL Max Healthy Kids Camp in Adelaide
Camp	\$470	Gr 5 & 6	Roses Gap

ONE to ONE (1:1) DEVICES

From 2025, We have discontinued the one to one device purchase program.

Instead, students will have the use of school provided devices which will remain at school rather than students taking home. These devices belong to the school.

Gr 6 students who have purchased a device in 2024 will continue to use them. The Technology Levy for these students is significantly lower than students who will be using school devices.