

# 2017 Fee Schedule

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At St Columba College the contribution of fees by parents and caregivers is essential to the College's ability to provide and resource its educational program.

The annual School Fee at each year level covers:

- Tuition costs
- Capital resources
- Class and subject resources, including all teacher photocopying
- Excursions
- The Middle and Senior School Laptop Program
- Student ID Card
- Year 6 – 12 Student Diary
- Year 8 – 12 Locker Padlock
- College Year Book
- Accident insurance

To calculate your family's School Fees, add the amounts that correspond to your child's year level starting with your eldest child.

**2017 Full Fees per Child**

Year Level	1st Child	2nd Child Less 20%	3rd Child Less 45%	4 or More Less 90%
R-2	\$2,550	\$2,040	\$1,400	\$250
3-5	\$2,850	\$2,280	\$1,565	\$280
6-7	\$3,150	\$2,520	\$1,730	\$310
8-9	\$4,400	\$3,520	\$2,420	\$430
10-12	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$2,750	\$490

**2017 School Card Fees per Child**

1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4 or More
\$1,655	\$1,325	\$909	\$163
\$1,850	\$1,481	\$1,016	\$182
\$2,045	\$1,637	\$1,123	\$202
\$2,860	\$2,286	\$1,572	\$280
\$3,250	\$2,598	\$1,787	\$319

Notes providing clarification of the above list of inclusions, as well as variations and exceptions are given below.

## **Additional Charges**

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The School Fees do not include significant over-night, out of school activities that support the curriculum at three different year levels. These include;

Year 5 – Educational Tour to Ballarat (\$650 estimated cost)

Year 9 – Educational Tour to Canberra (\$1,200 estimated cost)

Year 12 – Retreat (\$300 estimated cost)

## **Stationery/Books and Laptop Computers**

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All stationery required by students in Reception to Year 5 is included in the fees.

Stationery required by students in Years 6 to 12 is not included in the fees and can be purchased with the text books required at these year levels via Lighthouse Books.

Middle and Senior School students will be issued a list of books and materials that need to be purchased prior to school starting.

Generally all excursions and school based activities are covered within the annual fee. However there may be some specialist subject-based activities which will incur an additional charge. These charges will be based on a 'user pay' model and families will be informed of the cost if their child participates.

Students in the Middle and Senior Schools will be issued with a College laptop. The laptop fee of \$280 is included in the annual fee. As students will require their laptop from the first day of study this fee will need to be paid prior to the beginning of Term 1 via the Text Book order supplier Lighthouse Books. This payment will be credited to families fee account in Term 1.

Senior School students undertaking Design Technology, Information Technology, Food and Hospitality and Visual Art will be required to pay a project allowance which will be included on the Text Book list.

### **Payment Options & Discounts**

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Fees are charged for the full year at the beginning of the year. An invoice will be forwarded to families prior to the start of Term 1.

#### **A number of discounts are offered as listed below:**

- Sibling Discounts: as listed per the Fee Schedule
- School Card: a 35% discount as listed per the Fee Schedule
- Anglican/Catholic School Discount: A 5% discount for students enrolled at St Columba who have siblings at other Anglican or Catholic Primary Schools
- Lump sum payment: Whole year, upfront payment attracts 10% discount if fees are **paid by 24 February 2017. (End of Week 4 – Term 1)**
- Two lump sum payments: Two Semester payments attract a 5% discount if fees **are paid by 24 Feb 2017 and 18 Aug 2017. (End of Week 4 – Term 1 and Term 3)**
- Four lump sum payments: Four Term payments attract a 3% discount if fees are **paid by 24 Feb 2017, 26 May 2017, 18 Aug 2017, and 10 Nov 2017. (End of Week 4 – Term 1 to 4)**
- Payment by Instalments: All families who choose not to pay fees by any of the above lump sum options are required to complete the College Payment Arrangement Form and nominate the payment cycle that best serves their circumstances, i.e. monthly, fortnightly, and weekly and the method of payment, i.e. Direct Debit, Credit Card, BPAY, and Centrelink.

### **Vocational Education and Training (VET) – Senior Year Students**

VET is learning which is directly related to work. Nationally recognised qualifications are developed by industry to give students the knowledge and skills they need to work in a particular job.

Students can undertake VET at school. The College is committed to supporting students and their families and will rebate 75% of the VET fee up to a maximum of \$2,000 per student. Parents will be responsible for paying the remaining 25% prior to the student commencing the course. For more information contact the College SACE - VET Coordinator.

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