



## SHALOM COLLEGE – TUITION FEES & LEVY SCHEDULE FOR 2019

Federal and State governments acknowledge the right of parents to choose the school which best suits their children's needs for educational, religious, cultural or other reasons.

However, in comparison with funds spent on students in government schools, government funds committed to non-government schools remain limited. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of the College.

PER STUDENT	JUNIOR SCHOOL		SENIOR SCHOOL	
	YEARS 7-9	YEAR 10	YEARS 11-12	
<b>TUITION FEES</b>	\$ 2160	\$ 2160	\$ 2670	Family discounts apply on Tuition Fees only. See below for more details.
<b>LEVIES</b>	\$ 1435	\$ 1435	\$ 1480	** See below for more details on Levies.
<b>LAPTOP</b>		\$ 430 (inc GST)	\$400 (inc GST)	<p><b>Students in Yr 10</b> contribute \$430 per year for three years towards the purchase price of a college provided laptop. The student then takes the device with them as they leave the college.</p> <p><b>Students in Yr 11</b> have contributed \$400 in 2018 and will be asked to contribute \$400 per year in 2019 and 2020 to enable them to take the device with them as they leave in November 2020.</p> <p><b>Students in Yr 12</b> have contributed \$400 in 2017 and 2018 and will be asked to contribute \$400 again in 2019 to enable them to take the device with them as they leave in November 2019.</p>

### PER FAMILY

<b>ADMINISTRATION LEVY</b>	\$ 40	This levy is discounted if accounts are paid by the due date. If accounts are not paid within 14 days, this levy is to cover recovery costs.
<b>BUILDING LEVY – DIOCESAN SECONDARY COLLEGES</b>	\$ 496	Each family will be charged a building levy of \$124 per term in conjunction with normal school fee billings except where families have children attending diocesan catholic primary schools. This is a compulsory diocesan levy. As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible. This levy will assist in meeting the cost of servicing our capital debt and the cost of construction of further facilities at Shalom. Families with children enrolled at diocesan catholic primary schools will be charged a Building Levy at the primary school.
<b>PARENTS &amp; FRIENDS LEVY</b>	\$ 60	

\*\* Levies include:

- School Based Levies - General administration expenses pertaining directly to students - curriculum resources, library resources.
- Specific Purpose Levies - Cost of photocopying of subject materials, providing materials for student use in practical subjects such as manual arts/art/photography, ingredients used in hospitality, entry fees to pool and other PE venues, local bus costs for excursions, calculator hire, Student Record Book, Calendar, Magazine, ID cards, subscriptions, affiliations to sporting bodies.
- Camps and Retreats
- Information Processing & Communication Levy - Technology software use throughout the curriculum involving access to school electronic data and the internet.
- Sport – Costs relating to school carnivals (swimming/cross country/athletics) and other intra-school sporting activities.

**Other Charges** – Separate charges will appear on term fee accounts for items such as excursions outside of the local area, Instrumental Music lessons, Certificate courses.

**Print Charge** – A \$20 print charge is included in each students' fees to cover the printing cost from computers. If this credit is used, students will be required to contribute a further amount towards their printing account.

For Catholic schools to operate effectively and provide high quality education, a reasonable fee structure is essential to meet the shortfall between the basic costs of running a school and the amount funded by governments.

Catholic Education strives to keep fees as low as possible. To ensure that all families who seek a Catholic education for their child/ren is attainable, the following discounts may apply:

#### 1. **Family Discount**

Families with more than one child in the same or other primary or secondary Catholic schools in the Rockhampton Diocese, receive fee discounts for the second, third and subsequent children. This information is collected at the beginning of each school year or at the time of enrolment and the discount is automatically applied.

Family Discount Structure (on tuition fees only):

<i>Students in Diocesan School</i>	One	Two	Three	Four or more
<i>Discount Percentage</i>	0%	12.5%	35%	50%

#### 2. **Concession Card Discount**

A 70% Tuition Fee Discount is available to holders of a 'means-tested' government Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card. This discount does not apply to school levies. Card holders are required to advise the school of their concession card at enrolment or when the card is gained. Once the card is sighted by the school's administration, tuition fees for future terms will be adjusted. This initiative is intended to assist those families who genuinely do not have the financial capacity to pay tuition fees in full.

Our Catholic Education policy on school fees states that, "no student should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents/carers/guardians to pay the prescribed fee – in whole or in part". New or existing parents who are experiencing financial hardship and, may or may not hold a concession card, are encouraged to discuss possible fee discounts directly with the Principal who will treat the situation confidentially.

**Please turn over for information regarding the payment of accounts.**

## **PAYMENT OF TERM ACCOUNTS**

Fees and levies are billed by the term ie four equal amounts charged at the beginning of each term and are payable within 14 days to secure a \$10 per term early payment discount.

Some families may prefer an alternative to paying the term's fees within 14 days. Any of the following options is acceptable.

1. For the term within 14 days
2. For the year (in advance only)
3. Parent Lounge – secure method of payment by credit card for both school fees and excursions
4. BPAY (Biller Code and Reference Number will be found on Statements received.)
5. Automatic Credit Card Deductions – Payments can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Please contact the Finance Office for assistance. **Families are asked to contact the Finance Office at the end of each school year in order to review their payments and bring them in line with the following year's schedule of fees and levies.**
6. Direct Debit - We can set this up for you through the Diocesan Office at no charge. Transfers can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly for twelve months of the year. Please contact the Finance Office for assistance. **Families are asked to contact the Finance Office at the end of each school year in order to review their payments and bring them in line with the following year's schedule of fees and levies.**
7. Electronic Funds Transfer via the Internet using your account code as the reference
8. Centrepay - Shalom College is registered with Centrepay
9. Credit/Debit Card in person at the finance office
10. Cheque
11. Cash in person at the finance office