



SHALOM COLLEGE – TUITION FEES & LEVY SCHEDULE FOR 2021

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	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
TUITION FEES	\$ 2280	\$ 2280	\$ 2280	\$ 2280	\$ 2810	\$ 2810
LEVIES	\$ 1590	\$ 1590	\$ 1590	\$ 1590	\$ 1635	\$ 1635
LAPTOP inc GST (NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT)	\$ 450	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 450	\$ 430	\$ 430

PER FAMILY

BUILDING LEVY (NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT)	\$ 524
PARENTS & FRIENDS LEVY (NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT)	\$ 60

Tuition Fees: Family discounts and Concession Card discounts apply on Tuition Fees only.

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, workbooks
- Access to Studiosity Tutoring for Years 10/11/12; Family Zone membership
- 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
- Online learning tools – Education Perfect / Maths Online

Laptop Leasing Program:

Students in Yr 7 contribute \$450 per year for three years (Yrs 7-9) towards the purchase price of a college provided laptop.
 Students in Yr 8 have contributed \$300 in 2020 and will be asked to contribute \$300 in both 2021 and 2022 to own the device at the end of Year 9.
 Students in Yr 10 contribute \$450 per year for three years (Yrs 10-12) towards the purchase price of a college provided laptop.
 Students in Yr 11 have contributed \$430 in 2020 and will be asked to contribute \$430 in both 2021 and 2022 to own the device at the end of Year 12.
 Students in Yr 12 have contributed \$430 in 2019 and 2020 and will be asked to contribute \$430 again in 2021 to own the device at the end of Year 12.

Building Levy:

Each family will be charged a building levy of \$524 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 the Building Levy at the primary school.

OTHER CHARGES (NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CHARGES – A separate charge will appear on the annual school fee account.

CERTIFICATE COURSES – A separate charge will appear on the annual school fee account.

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.

Please turn over for information regarding discounts available and the payment of accounts.

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 to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

An annual account will be generated at the start of the year and sent in Term 1 for Years 7-12.

Annual fees will be due 30 days after the statement is issued unless an agreed payment schedule or plan has been arranged. A single lump sum payment for the year is only available in advance within the 30 days after the statement is first issued. If fees are not paid by this due date nor an agreed payment schedule in place then Shalom College is obliged to follow a fee collection policy formulated by the Diocesan Catholic Education Office in Rockhampton.

A discount is available if all fees are paid in full and received at the college:

- 1. 30 days after the annual fee statement is issued – discount available 2.5%**
- 2. by the agreed payment schedule – discount available 1.5%**

Note: This discount does not apply to the Laptop Hire Levy, Building Levy, Parents & Friends Levy, Instrumental Music Charges or Certificate Course fees.

Payment options available via instalments include:

Year 7 – 11 (all fees for Years 7 – 11 are to be paid by the end of November)

- 4 instalments (eg January/April/July/October)
- Monthly/Fortnightly/Weekly Instalments (January to November)

Year 12 (all fees for Year 12 are to be paid by the end of September)

- 3 instalments (eg January/April/July)
- Monthly/Fortnightly/Weekly Instalments (January to September)

PAYMENT METHODS

Parent Lounge – secure method of payment by credit card for both school fees and excursions

BPAY (Biller Code and Reference Number will be found on Statements received.)

Automatic Credit Card Deductions / Direct Debit– We can set this up for you at no charge. Please contact the Finance Office for assistance. Payments can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. It is the family's responsibility 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 and to monitor and ensure that these payments are occurring as planned throughout the year.

Electronic Funds Transfer via the Internet using your account code as the reference. Bank details will appear on the Fee Statement.

Centrepay – Use Centrepay to make regular deductions from your Centrelink payment. Centrepay is a voluntary and easy payment option available to Centrelink customers. Go to humanservices.gov.au/centrepaybusiness for more information and to set up your Centrepay deductions.

Cash/Cheque/EFTPOS in person at the finance office