



2024 College Fees

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As our minds turn towards the fast approach of 2024, I write to inform you of the recently approved schedule of College Fees for 2024.

The college fee setting review process has been extensive and considered. Whilst we acknowledge the ongoing challenges with respect to inflation and cost of living pressures as the community navigates somewhat unfamiliar economic circumstances, the college unfortunately is not insulated from these same challenges and uncertainties. This is particularly impactful to us given that we are in our developing phase and still to reach maturity.

By now you may have also seen ongoing media articles and reports around the education sector generally, and some of the added pressures that exist currently and into the foreseeable future. Like many industries, an extremely tight labour market and depleting pool of teachers and resource staff; new employment agreements and the impacts some of these conditions have on our ability to operate and provide to the level that we have in the past; and capabilities for ongoing opportunities for extra-curricular activities and camps etc. As more of this is implemented and the real effects of the changes are becoming evident, we remain committed in 2024 to providing as much opportunity for students as we possibly can.

In considering and reviewing our possibilities for 2024 in terms of the financial operation of the college, we continue to be presented with a new round of firsts, and as good practice for progressive organisations, we also take the opportunity to reflect and adapt on our journey so far. Following significant feedback, consultation, and consideration with representatives from across the college community we have noted below many of the considerations to balance the financial implications, with a fair and equitable offering to all our students. This is an important fiscal task to ensure the college remains financially able to support responsibly our mission and vision, and it is undertaken holistically and with much consideration and respect to the impacts it has on our community.

In completing this review and setting the Composite College Fees for all year levels in 2024, the following key components and factors were considered:

- Ongoing operational and capital financial needs of the college
- Impacts of government funding streams and support
- Continued guidance and requirements under the governance of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd
- Acknowledgement of shared and equitable contribution by the college community



- Our commitment to delivering exceptional education, with a student first mindset
- The commencement of Year 5 in School of Innovation, and further development in the curriculum and technology requirements to support this
- Further expansion of the School of Possibilities (SOP) into Year 12 VCE, Vocational Major and/or Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways and opportunities to provide as much breadth of subject offerings as possible through alternate means
- Our learning that to be successful in SOP (Year 10 onwards), the college is better placed to adopt an approach of student provided book and stationery list requirements and have made a corresponding fee adjustment for this.

So, in support of this review and the above key factors, we have adopted broadly an average 4.0% increase to the College Composite Fee for 2024. In respecting the challenges previously mentioned, this increase is below the past financial year's educational sector inflation for Victoria, as monitored by the Australian Bureau of Statistics of 5.4% and nationally of 4.8% respectively.

I encourage you to read the additional information attached to this letter which provides further details and explanation relating to our College Composite Fee, financial support under the Camps, Sports and Excursion funding program, and payment options.

Further information will follow in late January in respect to the establishment of direct debit payment schedules and other arrangements.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment to your child's education by way of financial support to the college.

If you have any questions regarding college fees or payments, please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Carroll

Principal



Composite College Fees

St Anne's College charges a Composite Fee which comprises a College, Capital and Curriculum Fee, Camps, Sports and Excursion Levy and Technology Levy. They are billed in full to families on an annual basis, usually at the commencement of the school year.

College and Capital Fees are an essential component of the total funding of our college. Whilst 75% of our funding requirements are provided by Commonwealth and State Government funding pools, we can only achieve our vision and mission priorities if this funding is supplemented by income generated from all components of the Composite Fee, along with our college community's commitment and enrolment expectation to the payment of their fee contribution.

Curriculum Fees are crucial for the day-to-day operation of the college and the effective delivery of the curriculum. These levies are used to pay for resources and materials in specific areas, including library access, provision of learning materials, sports, leisure and wellbeing activities, food and materials technology and design, use of equipment, School Care Accident Cover Insurance, and other consumable learning resources and materials, required in and out of the classroom.

The **Camps, Sports and Excursions Levy** includes the full cost of all excursions, incursions, camps, sporting, and swimming programs (for applicable year levels) which students are required to participate in.

The **Technology Levy** covers the cost for each student's use of the information technology facilities, along with the provision of a technology device on the basis of a 1:1 ratio. The devices in use at the college are iPads for School of Wonder and School of Innovation, and as we move into the School of Possibilities, we transition students' technology devices to a MacBook. The Technology Levy also includes intranet and internet access, email and e-learning facilities, printing (black and white and colour) and other resources required to maintain existing hardware and associated software in good working order (subject to standard wear and tear). Loss of device and/or damage repairs are recoverable separately to this levy and will be charged as applicable in accordance with the ICT Agreement.

St Anne's College is committed to providing a learning experience that is at the forefront of education in a technologically advancing society; we endeavour to access most of our learning resources online or via applications or programs. Given this approach, School of Wonder and Innovation families are generally relieved of the burden of a costly booklist or extensive stationery requirements, thus providing a significant saving. The cost of accessing the applications and platforms used in numeracy, literacy and languages is included in our College Composite Fee. However, as students move into the School of Possibilities, there is a requirement for them to purchase VCE subject-specific textbooks, and for those undertaking a VET course, a materials charge applicable to the course will be incurred (please refer to the **SUBJECT-SPECIFIC CHARGES** table below).



The 2024 Composite Fee is to be used as an indicative guide for the 2025 Composite Fee and will be subject to an increase in line with the annual inflation of the education sector and is generally finalised annually in November.

The Composite Fee, or any of its components, are generally not refundable due to non-attendance at a specific activity or camp, however where a student leaves (exits) the college, the College Composite Fee remains due and payable for the full period to the end of the term the student leaves. Where a student commences part way through a school year, a pro-rata calculation will be made, with a corresponding adjustment to the Composite Fee.

Where families believe they may struggle with the payment of the Composite Fee due to financial hardship or other special circumstances, they are encouraged to contact the college and make an appointment with the Business Manager to discuss a payment plan, together with looking at what allowances/concessions might be available. Such discussions and/or arrangements will be treated with the utmost discretion and in strict confidence.

ST ANNE'S COLLEGE COMPOSITE COLLEGE FEES 2024

St Anne's College's Composite College Fees for 2023 have been approved as follows.

Learning Area	Year Levels	College, Capital & Curriculum Fees	CSE Levy	Technology Levy	Total Composite College Fees
School of Wonder	Foundation to Year 3	\$2,064.00	\$169.00	\$280.00	\$2,513.00
School of Wonder	Year 4	\$2,064.00	\$169.00	\$332.00	\$2,565.00
School of Innovation	Year 5	\$2,064.00	\$555.00	\$332.00	\$2,951.00
School of Innovation	Year 7 to Year 9	\$3,837.00	\$448.00	\$449.00	\$4,734.00
School of Possibilities	Year 10 to Year 12	\$3,795.00	\$448.00	\$558.00	\$4,801.00

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC CHARGES:

Subject-specific charges predominately represent the materials or additional excursion recovery charged to each student enrolled in a particular VCE or Vocational Education and Training (VET) course. These charges are subject to an annual review and will be invoiced to the student's account based on confirmed enrolment in the study area as of March 1.

As the college incurs these costs from the providers regardless of any subsequent changes etc., no credit or refund will apply if a student withdraws from a course after that date and a further charge may apply if they change their study area or withdraw.



SUBJECT-SPECIFIC CHARGES (cont.):

VCE Subject	Cost \$	VCE Subject	Cost \$
Outdoor Education – Unit 1	\$275.00	Biology – Unit 2	\$300.00
Outdoor Education – Unit 2	\$400.00		
VET Study Area			
VET Study Area	Years 1 & 2	VET Study Area	Years 1 & 2
Building & Construction – Cert II Building & Construction (Pre-Apprenticeship)	\$450.00	Automotive – Cert II Automotive Studies (Vocational preparation)	\$450.00
Beauty - Cert III Make-up	\$450.00	Hairdressing - Cert II Salon Assistant	\$450.00
Early Childhood – Cert III Early Childhood Education & Care	\$250.00	Engineering – Cert II Engineering Studies (Trades pathways)	\$450.00
Plumbing - Cert II Plumbing (Pre-Apprenticeship)	\$450.00	Education Support - Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care	\$250.00
Electrical - Cert II Electrotechnology (Career start)	\$450.00	Allied Health - Cert III Allied Health Assistance	\$250.00
Agriculture & Environment - Cert II Agriculture or Horticulture	\$250.00	Animal Studies – Cert II Animal Care	\$250.00
Community Services – Cert III Community Services	\$250.00	Hospitality - Cert II Cookery or Hospitality	\$450.00
IT – Cert III Information Technology	\$250.00	Equine Studies – Cert III Equine Studies	\$450.00
Design – Cert III Design Fundamentals	\$250.00	Business – Cert III in Business (Online)	\$250.00
Industry – Cert II Creative Industries	\$250.00	Sports & Recreation – Cert III Sports, Aquatics & Recreation	\$250.00
Volunteering – Certificate II Active Volunteering	\$250.00		

Whilst we aim to include as much as possible in our College Composite Fee, there may be a circumstance where a student elects to undertake a particular project or inquiry that incurs costs more than our allowance. In this circumstance an additional separate cost may be incurred, or parents may be asked to provide the necessary additional materials to support the student. In such circumstance, and prior to the project or inquiry commencing, full details and/or costing will be provided.

Payment for the subject-specific charges may be processed as a separate and special direct debit for the applicable amount annually (generally on a date in March) once invoiced by the supplier.



SIBLING DISCOUNTS

In acknowledging the overall support and commitment to the college of families with multiple siblings, a tiered part-fee discount is offered. The sibling discount, if applicable, will be automatically credited to your account and applies to the College, Capital & Curriculum Fee components only of the Composite Fee. **The Technology Levy, Camps, Sports and Excursions Levy, and subject-specific charges are not subject to the discount.**

Number of Students	Discount amount applied
First student (highest year level)	NIL
Second student (2 nd highest year level)	10% of College, Capital & Curriculum Fee
Third student (3 rd highest year level)	80% of College, Capital & Curriculum Fee
Forth and subsequent students (4 th highest year level etc.)	90% of College, Capital & Curriculum Fee

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was introduced by the Victorian State Government in 2015 and provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports (including swimming) and excursions/incursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for an annual contribution of \$150 for primary school students and \$250 for secondary students, with the payment being made direct to St Anne's College and applied against that component of the Composite College Fee. Further information for can be obtained by clicking [here](#), or if you wish to download and complete an application form you can click [here](#) and once completed return it to our office

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The college offers a range of supports to families experiencing financial hardship or where special/difficult circumstances exist. Parents/guardians are invited to contact the finance team and make an appointment to discuss supports the college can offer to assist with the financial requirements of the college fees. All details concerning fees and families are treated in strictest confidence. ***These arrangements are negotiated on an annual basis. If special circumstances exist, please call (03) 4812 2993 for an appointment to discuss your needs.***

School fees are reviewed annually in November in accordance with the St Anne's College Fee Policy.



FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

FREQUENCY/METHOD OF PAYMENT

St Anne's College is a cashless college and families are encouraged to adopt one of the following payment options available for fee payment:

INSTALMENT OPTIONS

Your instalment options can include:

OPTION	Frequency of payments	Instalments per year
Option 1	Weekly	46 instalments (Commencing first Friday of February)
Option 2	Fortnightly A Cycle	23 instalments (Fortnight A commencing first Friday of February)
Option 3	Fortnightly B Cycle	23 instalments (Fortnight B commencing second Friday of February)
Option 4	Monthly	11 instalments (16 th of each month February to December)
Option 5	Quarterly	4 instalments (16 th February, May, August & November)
Option 6	Yearly /Annually	1 Payment (16 th of the month of commencement)

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Our preferred methods of payments are:

Payment Methods Accepted	
Periodical Payments by Direct Debit (College Preferred)	Direct debit from nominated bank account or credit card (Mastercard and Visa). Please contact college administration for a Periodical Debit Authorisation Form.
Centrepay Deduction	Deduction made direct from your Centrelink payments. Please contact college administration for a Centrepay Debit Authorisation Form.
Periodical Payments by Direct Credit	Payments made direct to our bank account. This method is by approval only following the establishment of an acceptable direct debit history. To obtain approval for this method of payment contact the College Finance Office.