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2026 Fees

Fees are charged per family **AND** per student via the table below.

(Please **ADD** the **family total** and your **individual student fees** to obtain your fee total)

Annual Family Tuition & Capital Fee	
Tuition Fee	\$1 335.00
Capital Levy	\$ 210.00
Family Total	\$1 545.00

+ Plus Annual Fee per Student	
Discovery (Prep) Student Fee	\$245.00
Discovery (Prep) Technology Fee	\$35.00
Discovery (Prep) Excursion Fee	\$80.00
Total	\$360.00
Exploration (1/2) Student Fee	\$245.00
Exploration (1/2) Technology	\$35.00
Exploration (1/2) Excursion Fee	\$80.00
Total	\$360.00
Connecting (3/4) Student Fee	\$245.00
Connecting (3/4) Technology	\$35.00
Connecting (3/4) Excursion	\$80.00
Connecting (3/4) Camp	\$155.00
Total	\$515.00
Leadership (5/6) Student Fee	\$245.00
Leadership (5/6) Technology	\$35.00
Leadership (5/6) Excursion	\$100.00
Leadership (5/6) Camp	\$400.00
Total	\$780.00

Payment Options

Fee Agreement

St James' Parish School includes a fee agreement within the enrolment contract and forms part of the acceptance of student enrolment. The annual fee statement is issued in February and subsequent fee statements issued monthly. Responsibility for school fee payments may be split between fee payers.

An annual Fee Agreement acknowledging how fees will be paid **MUST** be completed by all families and returned to the school by **February 28 each year**.

Preferred Method of Payment

Fees are due and payable in full prior to April 30 each year unless a payment plan is established.

Preferred method of payment is by a St James' Parish School instalment plan :-

- 20 x Fortnightly payments
- 10 x Monthly payments
- 4 x Quarterly payments

Forms available online or in the office.

Other Payment Facilities

The following facilities are also available payment of school fees:

- Regular Centrepay Deduction
- Direct Credit
- Credit Card
- EFTPOS

Other instalment plans may be arranged to suit family budgets. Please contact the Office if you require assistance to determine the payments required to settle the account balance prior to the end of the school year.

At the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited and St James' Parish Primary School :-

"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."

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested Health Care Card, Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, or Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold Card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

CSEF application forms are available to download on our website or from the school office.

Support for the Cost of Education (FFA)

Where families are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding, they can also apply for the Family Fee Assistance Scheme. Families that qualify for the scheme will pay \$520 per annum (\$10 per week) for primary school tuition fees and capital levy.

Family Fee Assistance Scheme Application Forms are available to download on our website or from the school office.

Further Support

If you have any concerns regarding payment of school fees, you are encouraged to discuss these at any time with the Principal. To arrange an appointment please contact the office on 5335 8750.

It is a condition of enrolment that all families contribute to the cost of education. We recognise that circumstances may change, and it is an expectation that the fee payer will contact the school to negotiate an alternative payment plan or seek concessional support.

Debt Collection Procedures

As a last resort the school will commence debt recovery or take legal action where no adequate response has been achieved from approaches for fee payment. Costs incurred by the school from such methods are fully recoverable from the Debtor. This is a last resort for the school but is necessary as a matter of justice for paying members of the school community and the financial sustainability of the school.

Student Departures and Withdrawals

Parents and guardians are reminded that early written notification of a student withdrawing during the school year is required. Where a student exits the school during a Term, fees are payable to end of the Term the student exited. Fee accounts will be adjusted pro-rata for tuition fees and capital levy.