

School Fees for 2018

The following tables show the school fees payable in 2018 for families with one to three children (Fourth and subsequent children are not charged any fees).

Fees and fee structure

The overall fees paid by the parents are actually split into two parts – tuition fees and building fund contributions, which are paid to the Catholic Education Office, and operating charges that are retained by the school to meet its running costs.

The Catholic Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has approved the following **Tuition Fees** for 2018:-

	First Child	Second Child	Third Child
Money paid to the Catholic Education Office			
Tuition	\$346.00	\$103.80	\$69.20
Total	\$346.00	\$449.80	\$519.00

Contributions to the **Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (CCSBF)** are voluntary for 2018 and retain tax deductibility. The level of contribution for 2018 is \$168 per family per term.

St Thomas Aquinas Primary School Community Council has approved a 2% increase to the level of **Operating Charges** for 2018. The Catholic Education Commission has recommended a 20% discount to tuition fees for the first child at a catholic systemic primary school where there is a sibling in an Archdiocesan Secondary College. The total cost to families is summarised below.

	First Child	Second Child	Third Child
Money paid to the Catholic Education Office			
Tuition	\$346(\$276.80)*	\$103.80	\$69.20
Total	\$346	\$449.80	\$519.00

Money retained at St Thomas Aquinas to run the school

Operating	\$209	\$304	\$362
ICT	\$100	\$100	\$100
Performance	\$25	\$50	\$75
Maintenance	\$30	\$30	\$30
Fundraising	\$20	\$20	\$20
Total	\$384	\$504	\$587

Sub Total Fees	\$730.00(\$660.80)*	\$953.80	\$1106.00
Catholic Church School Building Fund (Voluntary and Tax Deductible)	\$168	\$168	\$168
Total Term Fees payable for families	\$898.00 (\$660.80)*	\$1121.80	\$1274.00

** Please note that the asterisked fees in brackets show the discounted rate (20%) for the eldest child where a sibling attends an Archdiocesan Secondary College. The Catholic Church School Building Fund is not paid at Primary school in this instance as it will be paid at the Secondary School.*

You will note a new Fundraising Levy of \$20 per family per term. The School Community Council have approved this Levy as an alternative to lots of smaller, time consuming fundraising activities throughout the year. We will of course still hold our annual fete as the main fundraising activity for the year. We will also continue our social functions such as school discos, Mother's and Father's Day stalls and the like.

In addition to the above fees, a one off payment from families is required to cover Art and Craft expenses at \$30 per child per annum. This is invoiced in Term 1 each year and will appear on your Term 1 School Fees Invoice.

Book Packs (including software licence fees) are also charged separately in Term 1 and are provided to families at cost price. Book pack costs for 2018 will be \$110 per child from Kindergarten to Year 6. This amount does not appear on your Term 1 School Fees Invoice. Instead, a separate note will go home to families in Week One, Term One.

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On behalf of School Community Council

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