

## 2025 College Fees

November 5, 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As a Brisbane Catholic Education college, Mt Maria College is not fully funded by government grants. For this reason, the College sets the tuition fee annually to reflect current costs in the operation of the school. The main factor influencing Mt Maria College fee review is the government funding model that determines the level of funding based on student needs and calculated on a Direct Measure of Income (DMI) score. Reflective of our community standing, the College's Leadership aim is to minimise this impact as much as possible whilst improving the opportunities available to our students.

The 2025 College Fees have now been set after consultation with the College Board, College Leadership and recommendations from Brisbane Catholic Education, to continue to provide the best education for your child and maintain the financial sustainability of the College. As indicated the College makes every effort to minimise the impact of operational costs and changed financial support from the Government, and the same principles have been continued for 2025. The average student increase for 2025 is approximately \$8.90 per calendar week. Full fee details and forms will be available on the Mt Maria College Website.

The 2025 School Fee Schedule outlines College Fee Information and again a calculator has been included to assist working out fees for your family. In line with other BCE and other Catholic system schools, Mt Maria College offers a sibling discount on the tuition fee for the  $2^{nd}$ -  $4^{th}$  siblings. Families with more than 4 children attending the college simultaneously will not be charged the Tuition Fee after the  $4^{th}$  child.

College Fees will be billed annually at the commencement of the 2025 academic year. College Fee payment by instalment is available by arrangement with the Finance Team and should be finalised before November 15, 2025. Arranged instalment frequency may occur once per term, or on a more regular weekly, fortnightly, or monthly instalment. If you have **not established a payment arrangement** the school fee account will be due to be paid in full **within 14 days from date of account**. Full payment of annual College Fees and levies by the due date of the Term 1 statement will attract a 5% reduction on the Tuition Fee.

We understand that from time to time a family's financial circumstances may change. The College invites you to contact the Finance Team if you are having difficulty paying your fees by the due date. Concessions are considered when hardship within the family occurs. All matters are worked through confidentially.

As a matter of justice to all members of the community, and not to adversely affect the delivery of curriculum and co-curricular activities, the College is obliged to ensure that fees are collected in a timely fashion.

Statements of Fees and Levies are emailed to your nominated email address. Please add <a href="mmcmfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au">mmcmfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au</a> to your address book to avoid your statement being allocated to your 'Junk' mail folder.

Your nominated email address can be updated on the Parent Portal – Update your Details.





The College Office will be closed at the end of school Thursday 5th December 2024 and will reopen January 17, 2025, 10am - 2.30pm. Due to staff professional development, the office hours may vary in the days before school commences. Please check BCE Connect for updates to this schedule. The College Finance email address mmcmfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au will be monitored throughout this period if you have any enquiries or wish to set up or review your 2025 payment plans, settle 2024 accounts or address any other queries you may have regarding fee repayments.

Again, thank you for your support throughout 2024 and we wish you a safe, holy, and happy Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

**Business Manager** 

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