



### Definition

'School Fees' includes:

- tuition fees; and
- other charges detailed in the yearly "Fee and Finance Information".

### Context

Sacred Heart College is committed to providing quality Catholic Education, synonymous with the traditions of the Marist Order. The fee structure is in keeping with the vision and values of the school and is subject to annual review by the Finance Committee and approval by the School Advisory Council and Marist Schools Australia Limited.

### Rationale

Whilst part of College income is received from government sources, school fees form an integral part of the overall financial structure of the College in order to ensure that the College can continue to operate with a balanced budget from one year to the next. The College endeavours to keep fees to a minimum, balancing this alongside the desire to provide a quality education and facilities for its students.

### Aim

- To establish a set of School Fees that ensure the financial viability of the College balanced with the effort to keep them at the lowest possible level whilst meeting the needs of developing and maintaining facilities and programs required for contemporary education.
- To be attentive to the financial constraints faced by many families through a fee structure that offers discounts for families of siblings at Sacred Heart as well as discounts for families or lower incomes along with a compassionate approach to families experiencing financial hardship.

### Implementation

- School Fees will be billed in early Term 1 each year. Families are expected to set up an account via FACTS to have access to our online portal for payment.
- The College requires all direct debits to run between February and November each year to ensure full payment of fees.
- A non refundable fee is payable with each enrolment application.
- A non refundable fee is payable when a student is formally accepted for enrolment
- Full information on College School Fees, together with discounts and remissions for fees can be found on [Fees and Finance Information booklet](#)
- In line with Marist ethos of compassion and reaching out to those in difficulty, the College will provide a full exemption of fees for children enrolled at the College in their first twelve months of their residence in Australia. This aspect of the policy is applicable to those families who are genuinely in need under the Family Reunion or Special Humanitarian Program.

Full details are available on the [Fees and Finance Information booklet](#).

Should concerns arise in regard to the College fees, families are encouraged to contact the College Finance Office to discuss the matter P: (08) 8350 2500 E: [accounts@shc.sa.edu.au](mailto:accounts@shc.sa.edu.au)



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