



St Joseph's Primary School

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30 October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Today you will receive the **2024 School Fee Package**.

We value you as a member of our community and the contributions you are making towards the ongoing success of St Joseph's Primary School, and therefore your child's education.

School Fees are set annually, in consultation with Brisbane Catholic Education, the School Board and myself, as part of the process of setting a yearly budget. Our School Fees take into account the priorities highlighted within our School Strategic Plan and the fee and levy recommendations from the Catholic Education Council for the 2024 school year.

St Joseph's is a Parish School within the Archdiocesan Catholic Education system, no one is ever turned away through their inability to pay. Special consideration is available for families with financial difficulties and arrangements can be made with the School Principal. Fees are set for twelve months, and accounts will be sent home at the beginning of each Term.

Brisbane Catholic Education schools are allocated their Australian Government funding according to a 'Base' and 'Loading' formula which is directly linked to student need. Under the per capita new student funding model, Principals and School Boards will have greater flexibility in making curriculum and staffing decisions that best meet the needs of their school. Fees and levies charged by Catholic schools go towards making up the difference, and more importantly, to help ensure we can provide a high quality Catholic education for your child.

Our school fees include an amount remitted centrally, the Archdiocesan Education Levy, which provides shared resources to all schools within the Archdiocese. Also included is a levy of \$20.00 per family to provide for the purchase of land for future school development within the Archdiocese. This is a vital investment in the future of Catholic schooling within the Archdiocese. *Please also find attached our School Fees Policy for your reference.*

To assist with Administration, we ask that all Direct Debit and Credit Card Authority Forms **be returned by Monday 20th November 2023**.

Families may wish to make a voluntary contribution to a 100% tax deductible Library Fund or School Building Fund. Once payment has been received, parents will be given a tax receipt. All families are encouraged to make this contribution to support the school in the purchase of resources needed in the library and contribute to ongoing infrastructure for students.

In determining fees for the coming year, I am mindful of being fair and equitable to all school families. Our community uses family fee payments to meet significant loan commitments and for utility costs such as insurance, electricity, rates etc as well as the costs associated with ensuring that adequate resource levels are maintained. I encourage you to communicate with me regarding any concerns or issues you may have with fee payments.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful St. Joseph's Primary School.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Cole
Principal



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Fee Schedule – 2024

Tuition Fees

School Fees	Per Term Fee	Annual Fee
1 Child	\$ 530.00	\$2,120.00
2 Children	\$ 848.00	\$3,392.00
3 Children	\$ 1,060.00	\$4,240.00
4 Children or more	\$ 1,166.00	\$4,664.00

Subject Levies	Family	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Inclusive Music Program – Levied February Statement		100.00	100.00	100.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
1:1 Laptop/IPAD Program – Levied February Statement		IPAD 250.00	IPAD 250.00	IPAD 250.00	IPAD 300.00	IPAD 370.00	MacBOOK 495.00	MacBOOK 495.00
Resource Levy (per child)		300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Sports Levy (per child)		150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
IT Levy (per child)		150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Excursion/Incursion Levy (per child)		190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00
Prep Levy		350.00						
Capital Levy (per Family)	620.00							
Special Levy – Parents And Community	350.00							
Camps						220.00	350.00	350.00



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Summary Levy & Charges Per Year

Enrolment Application and Acceptance Fee

When a place is offered, parents are required to sign an Enrolment contract and pay an enrolment bond of \$250 for new families and \$150 for current families. The enrolment acceptance fee is non-refundable.

It is important to note that the enrolment application and acceptance fee **will be forfeited** if the student's enrolment is cancelled before commencement at the School. The school requires one term's notice in writing prior to the withdrawal of the application from our School.

General Information

- School fees are issued at the beginning of each Term and **are payable by the due date listed on the fees account.**
- Overdue accounts will be subject to an account service fee of \$25.00 and any Direct Debit rejections on payments will incur a \$15.00 Bank Fee.
- The School may grant an extension of time for payment in exceptional circumstances. A request for extension of account payment shall be made by contacting the Finance Office or School Principal. All contact regarding these difficulties is treated confidentially by the School Principal.
- **PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES / Concession Application: MUST be lodged each year – no concessions are automatically rolled over to the following year.** Concession applications are accepted at the commencement of each year or when hardship occurs. Concessions on fees are not ongoing and applications must be resubmitted at the commencement of each new school year. Appointments should be made with the Principal to discuss this matter.



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Payment Options – School Fees

Payment of fees can be made by the following methods:

- Online via Parent Portal / bPoint
- BPay
- Direct Debit Authority
- Credit Card Authority – Mastercard or Visa

Please note: Direct Debit and Credit Card Authority Forms for 2024 are attached to this Schedule.

Ensure your forms are completed and returned to School no later than January 31st 2024. The Forms are available on the School Portal and Parents can auto fill the forms electronically.

Benefits of Paying directly

- Transmission occurs automatically each month
- Transmission is secure – no cash changes hands
- This is a **FREE** service
- The ADF guarantees complete confidentiality on behalf of St. Joseph's School.

PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES

If you are experiencing difficulties in paying your account please contact the School Principal as soon as possible, before the due date. All requests are treated with complete confidentiality by the Principal, at this time, any assistance such as extending the time to pay or offering a payment by installments is an option.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** A NEW Direct Debit Request Form or Credit Card Authority Form will Need to be completed and forwarded to school finance EACH AND EVERY YEAR.

ATTACHMENTS for 2024:

- St Joseph's Primary School – School Fee Policy
- Credit Card Authority Form
- Direct Debit Authority Form
- Fee Calculation Spreadsheet
- Instrumental Program Summary
- Extra Curricular Activities



Instrumental Music Program Summary :: Charges for 2024

	<i>Cost per Lesson</i>	<i>Term 1 8 Weeks</i>	<i>Term 2 9 Weeks</i>	<i>Term 3 9 Weeks</i>	<i>Term 4 9 Weeks</i>	<i>Cost per Year 35 Weeks</i>
PRIVATE LESSONS						
20 Minute Lesson <i>Prep & Year 1 Only</i>	\$32	\$ 256.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 288.00	\$1,120.00
30 Minute lesson	\$42	\$ 336.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 378.00	\$1,470.00
45 Minute lesson	\$57	\$ 456.00	\$ 513.00	\$ 513.00	\$ 513.00	\$1,995.00
GROUP LESSONS						
Group of Students	\$37	\$ 296.00	\$ 333.00	\$ 333.00	\$ 333.00	\$1,295.00
ENSEMBLES						
Year 3-6 Choir	-	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$80.00
All Other Ensembles	-	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$160.00
Instrument Hire	-	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$440.00

All Parents must complete an Instrumental Music Enrolment Form and submit to the School Office.

All Instrumental Music Enrolments must be received by 30 November 2023 to ensure a place in the program.

Instrumental Music Cancellation forms **MUST** be completed and provide one Term's notice of the cancellation of the instrumental music lessons.

Instrumental Music tuition charges must be paid in advance to guarantee the School is able to meet its commitments with the Instrumental Music Teachers wages each Term. Should school fee accounts fall in arrears, the School reserves the right to suspend **ALL** instrumental music lessons until School Fee Statements are paid in full.





Extra Curricular Activities

Extra curricula activities are a means of enriching your child's life and building on their skills. Parents should be aware that in planning a child's year, a balance should be struck between commitments and available time, energy and finances.

After choosing an extra curricula activity for your child, it is important to remember that you and your child have made a firm commitment to participate in the chosen activity for the **full calendar year**. This is crucial as a student dropping out has various repercussions – the main one being changes to staffing arrangements and performances of the group at competitions/displays etc.

If a child is to withdraw from an activity, it would be possible **ONLY** at the **end** of a term (**after giving 3 weeks' notice to the Teacher of the activity**). Not turning up on the first day of the next term is not acceptable, and full fees for that term will be charged. Please note that unless notice is provided to the provider, fees will continue to be charged.

DISCLAIMER: All External providers are yet to be confirmed for 2024.




<p>String Ensembles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sr Mary Ancilla • Sr Mary Regina <p>Year Level: 1 – 6</p>	<p>Membership in our String Ensemble provides great benefits of fulfilment, shared achievement and involvement with music camps, performances and special events which are significant positives for a child. Should your child show a desire to be part of the String Ensemble he/she will be tested for instrument suitability. Instrument choice is determined by preference, suitability and balance within the ensemble. Each individual must be prepared to practice regularly at home, if they are to enjoy their ensemble and keep pace with others in the group.</p> <p>Cost: \$40 per term / \$160 per year</p> 
<p>Sr Mary Justine Choir</p> <p>Year Level: 3 – 6</p> 	<p>The St Joseph's Choral program has been very successful and popular. The children develop confidence, improve their singing skills and have a great deal of fun. The children will sing a mixture of popular songs and special occasion songs.</p> <p>The Choir has a 30-minute lesson once a week. Assemblies, Music Festivals, Eisteddfods, School Liturgies and end of year performances are part of the program.</p> <p>Cost: \$20 per term / \$80 per year</p>



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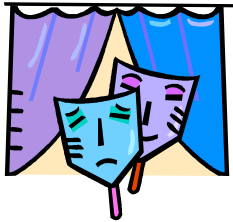
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<p>Keyboard/Piano</p> <p>Year Level: Prep – 6</p> 	<p>All aspects of keyboard playing are taught including reading, writing, rhythm and aural skills in a fun and relaxed manner. These skills also provide an excellent basis for learning a band instrument later on. All students receive progress report and examinations are catered for if required. Lessons are conducted in small groups or privately. Lesson times are before, during and after school. Actual lesson days will be determined based upon the level of interest. This will be advised early in 2024.</p> <p>Cost: Please refer to the 2024 Instrumental Music Handbook available on the school website.</p>
<p>Strings Violin, Viola, Cello & Double Bass</p> <p>Year Level: Prep – 6</p> 	<p>The string program at St Joseph's is ever expanding and the violin is a perfect instrument for children to learn and consequently gain the fundamental knowledge required to allow them to go on and learn any of the other String Orchestra instruments too (these include the viola, cello and double bass). Our specialist teachers provide tuition on all of these instruments in 30-minute small group lessons or one-on-one private lessons (a waiting list may apply for private lessons) While it is desirable for students to supply their own instruments (especially smaller children in Prep/Year 1 who require smaller sized instruments), the school does have a number of ½ and ¾ sized violins and ¾ sized stringed instruments available to hire on a term-by-term basis.</p> <p>When students reach the desired skill level, our Music Specialist Teachers will ask them to be a member in the Sr Mary Ancilla or Sr Mary Regina String Ensemble. As it is with all students who receive Instrumental Music Tuition, students learning a stringed instrument are provided with a progress report at the end of semesters 1 and 2.</p> <p>Cost: Please refer to the 2024 Instrumental Music Handbook available on the school website.</p>
<p>Guitar</p> <p>Year Level: Prep – 6</p> 	<p>The Acoustic and Electric guitars are popular instruments to learn at St Joseph's with tuition being offered by our music specialist teachers in 30-minute small group lessons or one-on-one private lessons. Students learn to read and play Classical and Popular style melodic songs as well as chord-based, strumming accompaniments. As a result of reading and learning about the rhythmic and melodic aspects of guitar playing, students also develop literacy and numeracy skills that are transferrable across all areas of schooling. As it is with all students who receive Instrumental Music Tuition, students learning the guitar are provided with a progress report at the end of semesters 1 and 2.</p> <p>Cost: Please refer to the 2024 Instrumental Music Handbook available on the school website.</p>



Speech & Drama

Year Level: Prep – 6



Mrs Katrina Hohn conducts Speech & Drama lessons during school each week. The aim of these lessons is to assist children in the development of self-confidence, clear articulate speech, confidence in public speaking and skills for acting. Extra tuition for children wishing to participate in Eisteddfods and speech exams may be provided for an additional cost. Lessons are conducted during, before and after school. Actual lesson days will be determined, based upon the level of interest & will be advised early in 2024.

Being involved in Speech and Drama can make a positive difference to a child's academic and social development. When learning Speech and Drama it is hoped that increased group dynamics and social interaction between children will result.

Drama can increase a child's self-confidence, in and out of the classroom, and such self-assurance will continue throughout their schooling. Creative and analytical thought and physical expression will be further developed and allowed to evolve through Drama. Practical skills such as reading, oral presentations, and public speaking will also be improved through the art of Speech and Drama. St Joseph's students have participated in the Brisbane Eisteddfod, AMEB (Australian Music Examination Board) Drama Exams and school-based activities. In all of these areas the students have received very pleasing results. However, whether students wish to participate in such public activities is completely optional.

Small personalised classes of four to six students will be conducted, and these group lessons run for one hour. All lesson times will be arranged in accordance with the classroom teacher's preferences for times suitable for children to attend. The price is in line with the Queensland Speech and Drama Teachers Association fee schedule; each hourly lesson is **\$16.00 per student**. A 5% discount for students of the same family will apply. Individual half hour lessons can be arranged, at a different fee.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Chess – Mondays

Year Level: Prep - 6



The Chess Club invites any children with an interest and love of Chess to join the St Joseph's Chess Club.

Classes give students an opportunity to take part in Regional and School Competitions.




Cost: To be confirmed / Minimum Number of Participants Required



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<p>Cricket</p> <p>Term 1 – Thursday</p> 	<p>The Cricket Blast Program offers children the opportunity to kick start their cricket career, learn lots of new cricket skills like batting, bowling, catching and throwing, as well as social skills, allowing them to make new friends and most importantly - HAVE FUN!</p> <p>All participants receive a structured program which provides each participant with the opportunity to develop; cricket skills, physical fitness, social skills, sportsmanship and an understanding of the game of cricket.</p> <p>On top of that everyone receives an exciting giveaway pack exclusive to the program.</p> <p>Cost: To be confirmed / Minimum of Participants Required</p>
<p>Auskick</p> <p>Term 2 – Tuesday</p> <p>Year Level: Prep – 6</p> 	<p>The NAB AFL Auskick Rookie program is where it all starts. Children aged from 5 to 8 learn the fundamental skills required to participate in Australian football. Rookie sessions usually consist of a warm up, followed by skill activities designed to improve and familiarise participants with the necessary skills of the game.</p> <p>Weekly sessions end in a modified game where children can hone their skills in a safe, controlled environment. The NAB AFL Auskick Pro Program encourages children to build on the skills they've learned throughout the Rookie program. Simulated match activities and drills offer children a more advanced and challenging environment to test their drop punts, hand passes and marks.</p> <p>Modified match practice is a feature of the NAB AFL Auskick Pro sessions and is important in preparing children for the progression to the next step in the AFL pathway; AFL Junior.</p> <p>Cost: To be confirmed / Minimum Number of Participants Required</p>
<p>Brisbane Roar Development Squad</p> <p>Terms 2 & 4 - Tuesday</p> 	<p>Some of the things that football players can do with a round ball is truly breathtaking, and the language of football is one that reaches even the furthest corners of the world!</p> <p>You'll improve your skills, build your stamina and have a great time while you learn in your six-a-side games. With constant rotation, everyone will get plenty of touches on the ball, time to run at their players and, of course, a chance to bury a few goals!</p> <p>Cost: To be confirmed / Minimum Number of Participants Required</p>



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Rookies to Red

Term 3 - Thursday



Through St George Rookies2Reds, boys and girls aged between 5 and 11 are taught the basics of Rugby while also learning about the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle which is promoted throughout the sessions along with Rugby's key values of teamwork, fairness and respect. Lessons are structured around the needs of the age groups; Little Legends (ages 5-7), Junior Champs (ages 8-9), and Future Stars (ages 10-11).

As well as professional coaching, participants also receive a special St George Rookies2Reds pack which includes a variety of gear including a backpack, Rugby ball, ball pump, lanyard, member benefits of 10% off Reds merchandise and Reds tickets as well as either a lunch, box, slap watch or hat.

Cost: To be confirmed / Minimum Number of Participants Required

Tennis

Tuesday & Thursday

Year Levels: Prep – 6

Prep – 2 7.30 - 8.40am

Year 3 – 6 7.30 – 8.10am



Tennis coaching is conducted before school each Tuesday and Thursday. Children will be graded early in the first term so that groups of similar ability and age are formed. Tennis competitions will be held during the year.

Cost: Various Costs Depending on Program.

Please contact Ace Tennis – Mark Toohey 0416 265 755 / toohers@gmail.com