CATHOLIC EDUCATION
DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

School Fees *Explained*

How is Education funded in Australia?

The Federal Government "School Resource Standard (SRS)" funding model determines State and Federal Government funding to all schools in Australia.

- For Non-Government schools, the SRS model also identifies each School community's means-tested "Capacity to Contribute (CTC)" through School Fees.
- Unlike many Non-Government schools, Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) schools minimise School fees by delivering education to students within the SRS.

School funding formula for all schools in Australia

Base Funding
Primary Student = $14,439
Secondary Student = $18,145 (2026)

+ Loadings
Additional funding for six types of students and schools in priority cohorts. **Student disadvantage:** Indigeneity, Disability, Socio-Educational, Low-English Proficiency. **School disadvantage:** Size and Location.

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Capacity to Contribute → *"School Fees"*
% of base funding that **Non-Government schools** must **raise privately**, ranging from 10% to 80%, depending on the median income of parents at the school.

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School Resource Standard (SRS)
Per student funding is calculated on the unique characteristics of each school, its parents and its students.

Source: National Catholic Education Commission 2023

Examples of how CTC impacts School Fees

Where CTC of School community = 90, school fees contribute 10% of the base SRS

18% State Govt Grant Funding	72% Federal Government Grant Funding	10% School Fees

Where CTC of School community = 105, school fees contribute 25.5% (primary) or 36.25% (college) of the base SRS

State Govt Primary (14.9%) College (12.75%)	Federal Government Primary (59.6%) College (51%)	School Fees Primary (25.5%) College (36.25%)

Base SRS

How are School fees presented in CEDR schools?

School fees are presented as one **All-Inclusive Education fee**, that delivers the curriculum offering of the School, rather than a tuition fee PLUS several School-based levies and charges.

All-Inclusive Education Fee Per Student + **Building Levy** Per Student + **Specific Purpose Charges** (if applicable) − **Discounts + Concessions** (if eligible)