

2024 Fees and Levies Information

(Information provided is subject to change)



Annual College Fees and Payment Options

Annual College Fees and Levies accounts are emailed at the beginning of each school year.

There are two options available for payment of fees:

Option 1: To pay the account in full, in this instance accounts are payable by the due date, usually well before the end of Term 1.

A discount is available where the Annual Fees and Levies is paid in full and received at the College within 30 days after the Annual Billing occurs in Term 1 statement is issued - due date will be noted on your annual invoice – **discount available 2.5%**

Option 2: School EasyPay – Commencing in 2024 a new direct debit payment platform via your Parent Lounge. As in previous years you will no longer be required to complete a Fee Nomination Form, as you will now have full access to setting up your own payment frequency on offer through your Parent Lounge. School EasyPay is a new system which provides a secure payment platform, increases flexibility by allowing families to manage and track their school payments throughout the year from within TASS Parent Lounge and provides a more cost-effective solution for all families. There are numerous advantages to this system including:

- **No Cost Processing Fees** – no processing fees when setting up for direct debit.
- **Flexible Payments** – choose either Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly or Quarterly instalments.
- **Multiple Payments Methods** – pay by bank account or credit/debit card.
- **Convenience** – ability to change bank/card details in a secure environment.
- **Secure Payments** – no need to ever share your card details.
- **Save Time** – set up for direct debit so you'll never forget a payment.
- **Payment Reminder** – courtesy email to remind you of the date and amount of your direct debit.

Diocesan Secondary Colleges – Building Levy

Funding Building Costs and College Infrastructure ~ Each family will be charged a building levy of \$615.60 per year, in conjunction with normal school fee billings except where families have children attending Diocesan Catholic primary schools. As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees, no tax deduction is possible. (Families will appreciate that there is a substantial cost to the Diocese in maintaining and developing the existing school buildings).

School-Based Levy:

School Based Levies are charges for curriculum resources, library books and printing levies. These levies are set by the School Board – they are no greater than 25% of the non-discounted tuition fees per student.

Specific Purpose Levy:

Additional charges may apply for specific purposes e.g., Motivation Media, Student Diary, College Calendar, Subject Sport Bus transport, School photo ID card, College Yearbook, Champagnat Day activities, ICAS Competitions, Student Accident Insurance Cover, Careers Market, transport to swimming pools etc. As well as various secondary subjects which require additional charges for materials used, e.g., Home Economics, Textiles, Technology, Retreats, IT costs, compulsory activities, etc. These costs are additional to school-based levies.

Marist Family Collective Levy:

Marist Family Collective (MFC) in consultation with their school Community and Board introduce a MFC Levy in lieu of significant fund raising. Such a levy is not included in the 25% as for Specific Purpose Levies.

Technology Capital Levy:

Marist College charges a Technology Capital Levy of \$130 per student for the year, up to a maximum of \$260 per family. This levy is not included as part of the 25% as in general levies. In situations where a family has two, or more children across Catholic Diocesan Primary and Secondary Schools, the priority for payment of the levy will be given to the Diocesan Primary School. The levy is used strictly for technology capital purposes at the school level.

Student Laptop Hire Levy:

A yearly laptop hire levy of \$475 will be applied to your account for each student. A protective bag will be supplied with each College Student Laptop along with pre-loaded software packages that meet the curriculum needs of the school.

Transport:

There are two Bus Companies that operate a Public Bus Service to Emerald from Blackwater, Capella, Clermont and Tieri which operate under the Non-State School Transport Assistance Scheme to transport students to Marist College. Please contact your chosen bus company directly to book a seat.

L & F Transfer Transport

1300 731 528

Email: admin@lftransfers.com.au

Website: www.lftransfers.com.au

www.facebook.com/L&FTransfers

Blackwater

Emerald Coaches

1800 428 737

Email: info@emeraldcoaches.com.au

Website: www.emeraldcoaches.com.au

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Blackwater, Capella, Clermont and Tieri

The weekly threshold for Semester One, 2024 is \$35.00* per family, or \$25.00* per concession family (holders of current Health Care, Pensioner or Veterans Affairs Pensioner cards). \$10* per week for each student in the family to enable the continuation of the school bus service. *Prices subject to change for 2024.

Note: For transport options within Emerald and from Springsure, Gemfields and other locations not listed above these services are offered by Emerald Coaches but are not included in the Non-State School Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS). Please contact them directly for more information:

<https://www.maristcollegeemerald.com.au/fee-information.html>

Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount:

Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount - Catholic Education strives to keep all fees as low as possible. The Concession Card Discount initiative is offered in addition to the Family discount arrangement that presently exists in our College. A 70% Tuition Fee Discount is available for 'means tested' government Health Care and Pensioner Concession cards. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply. Cardholders are required to advise the school of their concession card at enrolment, or when the card is gained. Once the card is sighted by the office and a copy is made, tuition fees for future terms will be adjusted. Further details on the new Concession Card Discount eligibility criteria are available on the Marist College website: <https://www.maristcollegeemerald.com.au/fee-information.html>

School Fee Concessions:

Families on low income may receive reduced fees upon application to the Principal and or Business Manager. All applications are assessed fairly and treated confidentially by the Principal.

Discount and Confirmation of Enrolment:

A Family Discount is available for families with more than ONE child at a Rockhampton Diocese School (*discounts are applied on the DCEO tuition fee only*). Family Discount and Confirmation of Enrolment Forms will be emailed to all families at the end of each year and at the beginning of the next school year. This form must be returned by the first week of the new school year to ensure you receive your family discount application.

Camps / Excursions:

Majority of the College events, camps, retreats, activities, excursions and sporting information and payment requests are communicated through the College's Tours and Events which is accessible through the Parent Lounge Portal.

For further Marist College Fee and Levies enquiries, please contact the College Office or, alternatively by email connie_iddles@rok.catholic.edu.au