



December 2021

Dear St Patrick's College family,

2022 Tuition Fees and Charges.

Please find enclosed details of the 2022 Tuition Fees and Charges for St Patrick's College Ballarat.

In forming the budget every year affordably balancing the need for quality staff, ongoing capital works and the overall provision of quality learning opportunities for your sons, is always at the forefront of our minds. For 2022 the fee increase will be **3.67%**. Whilst this is higher than the modest 1.76% increase in 2021 it still compares favorably to the average increase of 4.05% over the past 8 years.

While we need the vast majority of families to pay the fees in full to deliver a quality Edmund Rice Education for all, we want to assure our families as we move through challenging times that if they are having difficulty managing their school fee commitments that some level of confidential concession support is there for those in genuine need. Please contact us if this applies to you.

Your initial statement will be sent to you during the first week of February 2022 along with a request to either pay your fees in full or alternatively return the provided payment arrangement form by **28th February 2022**. The plan along with the statement will allow you to accurately plan your payments over the year which we ask that you finalise by the **30th November 2022**.

Early in 2022 we look forward to introducing a new payment portal such that you can see and manage your account live. Further developments will then see us commencing the 2023 school year with the ability to enter your payment arrangement plans electronically prior to the year commencing. This will remove the need to submit paper forms.

Should you have any queries about any of these matters please do not hesitate to call Maureen Ralton or myself in the Finance Office.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Ballesty
Business Manager

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- **Tuition and Boarding Fees**

Tuition and Boarding Fees are charged annually and will appear on your January fee statement. Subsequent statements will be issued on a monthly basis showing payments received and any additional charges incurred.

Fees for 2022 are:

Years	All Students Tuition	Boarding Weekly	Boarding Full Time
7 & 8	\$6,700	\$14,900	\$17,500
9 & 10	\$7,050	\$17,000	\$20,000
11 & 12	\$7,450	\$19,700	\$23,200

Please note that fees for VCE and VCAL programs are charged for the full year regardless of whether your son sits exams or not and regardless of completion date. Where students leave the College during the year a pro rata credit for tuition and capital fees will be granted where this is confirmed in writing prior to the commencement of Term 4.

- **Capital Fee**

A Capital fee of \$950 per family will apply in 2022. Funds raised from the capital fee are used for the development of facilities for all students at the College. As the capital fee is a compulsory levy no receipt for taxation purposes is available.

- **Resource Fee**

To facilitate student learning the College makes available a variety of eResources, eTextbooks, IT Levy and other resources. To cover the cost, the following Resource fee will appear on your fee account.

Year	Fee(s)	Amount
7 & 8	Resource Fee	\$375
9 & 10	Resource Fee	\$290
11 & 12	Resource Fee	\$300

- **Device levies (including insurance)**

The following year groups will incur laptop levies as follows:

Year group	Device	Amount	Period
7 & 10	Lenovo Laptop	\$520	2022 – 2024
8 & 11	Lenovo Laptop	\$500	2021 – 2023
9 & 12	Lenovo Laptop	\$480	2020 – 2022



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- **Other Charges**

The tuition fee covers costs related to College tuition, administration, most subject levies, camps, excursions, and other incidental costs. The tuition fee does not cover optional aspects of the College's program or services provided such as music lessons, rowing, some extra-curricular activities, non-compulsory tours and camps or damage to College property. These expenses will be charged as required at various times through the year on a separate sundry account which will need to be paid by the relevant due date.

- **Shamrock Association Fee** (Boarding only)

An unchanged Capital levy of \$520 will apply for each boarding student. As the fee is a compulsory charge no receipt for taxation purposes is available. Funds used from the Shamrock Association Fee will be used for the development of boarding facilities at the College.

- **External VET Charges:**

Parents of students who elect to participate in an external Ballarat Schools Cluster VETiS course will be required to pay the difference between the course cost and the Catholic Education Funding for that particular course. This funding difference will appear as an external VET levy on your tuition statement. At this stage, the exact cost is not available, however, based on 2021 figures this cost difference is anticipated to range between \$1000 and \$1,500.

- **Building Fund Contribution** (Voluntary)

The College is currently in the process of planning for the development of a Multi-Purpose Centre in 2021 / 2022 as the next great step towards providing students with state-of-the-art learning facilities. Building works flowing from this planning will be funded by a combination of borrowing, family contributions, donations, and government grants. Families wishing to assist the College may make a voluntary donation to the Building Fund and a receipt for taxation purposes will be forwarded.

- **Mentoring Fee**

In order to cover the additional administration and supervision costs with respect to Indigenous and Overseas students a mentoring fee is charged to the relevant students. This is currently \$5,800 p.a.

- **Overseas Student Fee**

In addition to all relevant Tuition Fees and Charges as per this document, overseas students will also be charged an overseas student fee of \$15,660. This fee is the gross per capita Commonwealth Government grant for Australian resident students.

- **Departure Without Notice Fee**

Parents are reminded that four weeks written notification of a student withdrawing during the College year is required. If such notice is not received a "Departure without notice" payment of four weeks' tuition fees will be charged to your fee account.

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- **Retaining Fee**

With the written approval of the Principal students may participate in a student exchange program and will be charged 25% of the annual tuition fee, as a retaining fee for the duration of their absence in order to retain their place at the College.

- **Discounts – Sibling**

Family discounts apply where more than one child in a family is concurrently enrolled at St Patrick's College Ballarat. There is an automatic student discount on tuition fees only, as follows:

1st student – no discount

2nd Student – 18%

3rd Student – 50%

4th and subsequent students – 100%

- **Concessions**

The College understands that families may experience financial hardship that leaves them unable, reasonably, because of illness, unemployment, or other genuine circumstances, to fulfil all the financial obligations of enrolment. Where these circumstances arise please contact Mrs Maureen Ralton to arrange for a concession application form and an appointment with the Business Manager. Where appropriate your application will be considered confidentially with the College Finance Committee.

- **Scholarships**

The College offers a number of scholarships of an academic, artistic, or sporting nature. Enquiry into the details of these opportunities and the eligibility of your son can be made by contacting the Director of Community Development Mr Paul Nolan.

- **Health Care Card Holders**

Parents who hold a valid Health Care Card are entitled to receive a credit of **\$450 off their fee account** made up as follows:

- Camps Sports and Excursions funding (CSEF) payment: In 2016 the State Government introduced CSEF to assist eligible families cover the costs of camps, excursions, and sporting activities. The annual payment for a secondary school student is \$225. To apply for CSEF please complete the enclosed application form or download one from www.education.vic.au/cesf. Applications must be received by the College by the 30th June 2022 to be eligible.
- Health Care Card concession: Parents who have successfully qualified for the CSEF funding will automatically have this amount matched by a further \$225 concession from the College.



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The following two options for the payment of college fees are available:

- ***Payment in full by 28th February 2021***

or

- ***A Payment Arrangement Plan***

To assist families in managing their cash flow across the year a '*Payment Arrangement Plan*' form must be completed and returned to the Finance Office by 28th of February 2022.

All accounts must be paid in full by the 30th November 2022.

You may do this via:

1. Per Week or Per fortnight payments ***or***
2. Per Month payments - ***Due by 25th day of each month, or***
3. Per Term payments - ***Due by 2nd week of each term.***

Please note that arrangements that fall outside of the above options must be approved by the Business Manager by appointment only. Instalment plans may be arranged to suit family budgets. Business Manager's Arrangements must be set up using the **Direct Debit** payment method.

Payment Facilities 2022

The preferred method of payment is via **Direct Debit**, however, other payment alternatives listed below can also be arranged to pay your account:

- Online payment via the parent portal
- BPay
- Cash / cheque
- Credit Card
- EFTPOS
- Salary Packaging