

November 2024

To: All 2025 St Patrick's College families.

### **2025 Tuition Fees and Charges.**

A school's *Direct Measure of Income* (DMI) is the method used for calculating a school's *Capacity to Contribute* (CTC) score which determines how much funding the school receives from the Australian government.

The DMI is based on the median income of a school's families for a given year. This is calculated by linking the names and addresses of parents and guardians with their personal income tax data. The data comes from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Multi-Agency Data Integration Project. The CTC score is the average of a school's DMI scores over the previous three years.

In 2025 St. Patrick's College's DMI will increase from 99 to 100. This means our government funding will be reduced by approximately \$0.5m on this measure alone. There are some other variables in the funding allocation formulae that will also impact our funding in 2025, however the increased DMI has by far the largest impact on our government funding in 2025.

In addition to having to make-up this \$0.5m of reduced government funding, as stated last year, we continue to need to strike a balance between the level of fees charged to cover the day-to-day cost of the curricular and co-curricular choices provided (St. Pat's offers 173 subjects across the six years levels; from just 14 in year 7, to 44 in year 12; 22 co-curricular Sports, as well as Faith in Action activities, Music, Drama and Debating); the cost of maintaining its buildings and extensive grounds; and investing in existing and new facilities, with family budgets.

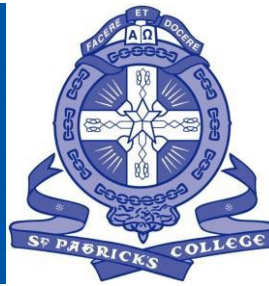
In the context of \$0.5m of reduced government funding, and striking that balance, I advise the base-line *Tuition Fees* increase in 2025 will be 7.8%. The actual increase will vary from year level to year level, and from family to family. The per family capital levy has not been increased, and the year level resource fee, which adjusts annually on a needs basis, has, on average, remained flat. These various movements result in an average total tuition and fee increase of 7.2%.

Your initial 2025 invoice will be sent via Australia Post in December. Statements are issued monthly showing payments received and any additional charges incurred. **Families are required to pay fees in full, or return the provided payment arrangement form, before students return in 2025, so no later than January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Families who have returned their payment arrangement form, by no later than 30 January 2025, will receive an entry into a draw to have \$500 credited against their fee account, and families who pay their fees in full, by no later than 30 January 2025, will receive two entries into the same draw (but will have the \$500 refunded).

Yours sincerely

Andrew Jirik  
Business Manager



## 2025 Tuition Fees and Charges.

- Tuition and Boarding Fees**

Tuition	Year Level	Boarding Full time	Boarding Weekly
\$8,260	7 & 8	\$20,180	\$17,150
\$8,670	9 & 10	\$23,010	\$19,560
\$9,440	11 & 12	\$26,830	\$22,800

Fees for programs are charged for the full year regardless of whether students sit exams or not, and regardless of completion date. Where students leave during the year a pro rata credit for tuition and of the capital levy will be issued provided four weeks' notice is received in writing; failure to provide four weeks' notice will result in four weeks tuition being withheld from the pro-rate credit.

- Capital Levy - \$1,150 per family (unchanged from 2024)**

Funds raised from the capital levy are used to maintain and develop new facilities. As this is a compulsory levy no receipt for taxation purposes is available.

*The college does have an ATO approved Building Fund, and persons wishing to make a voluntary donation to it will be issued a receipt for taxation purposes. Please contact the Finance Office if you have any questions about this.*

- Resource Fee**

To facilitate student learning the College makes available a variety of year-level eResources, eTextbooks, and other resources. The following Resource Fee recovers these costs.

Year Level	Fee
7	\$340
8	\$270
9	\$230
10	\$180
11	\$140
12	\$140

- Laptop levies (including insurance)**

Students receive a new laptop in Year 7 and in Year 10. Students keep the old device when the new one is issued in Year 10 and when leaving in Year 12.

Year Level	Device	Annual Amount of 3-year cycle	Period
7 & 10	Lenovo Laptop	\$500	2025 - 2027
8 & 11	Lenovo Laptop	\$500	2024 - 2026
9 & 12	Lenovo Laptop	\$500	2023 - 2025

If a student departs the college during a 3-year cycle they will be charged any outstanding instalments and keep the device as they are only charged annually a third of the full cost to the school.



- **Specific Subject Levies**

An additional \$450 levy applies to the following subjects:

VCE VET Engineering Studies (Units 1/2 only in 2025, Units 3/4 from 2026)

VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies (Units 1/2 only in 2025, Units 3/4 from 2026).

- **Other Charges**

The above *Tuition Fees and Charges* do not cover optional aspects of the College's program such as private music lessons, rowing, some extra-curricular activities, non-compulsory tours and camps, or damage to college property. These costs will be charged on a separate sundry account which will need to be paid by the relevant due date.

- **Shamrock Association Fee (Boarding only) - \$550 per full-time and weekly boarder**

This fee is a compulsory charge (so no receipt can be issued for tax purposes) and is specifically used to maintain and develop our boarding facilities.

- **External VET Charges**

Parents of students who elect to participate in an external VET course will be required to pay the difference between the course cost and the VCEA funding. This will appear as an additional levy on your tuition statement once the funding short fall is known, usually during Term 1.

- **Departure Without Notice Fee**

Families are reminded that as per the Terms of Enrolment 4 weeks written notification to the registrar ([enrolments@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@stpats.vic.edu.au)) is required for a student withdrawing from the College. If such written notice is not received a "Departure Without Notice" fee equivalent to 4 weeks tuition is payable.

- **Sibling Discounts**

Family discounts apply where more than one child in a family is concurrently enrolled. The discount applies to tuition fees only.

	2025	2026 onwards*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Student	18%	10%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Student	50%	25%
4 <sup>th</sup> and subsequent students	100%	50%

**\*Please note:** the discount will be reducing from 2026. For existing families there will be a three-year grandfathering so the reduced discount will not apply until 2029.

- **Concessions**

For families with genuine need for financial assistance there is support available through the college's Foundation, or through means-tested concessions. Families are encouraged to reach out early if their financial situation changes and may need support; please contact Maureen Ralton in the Finance Office.

- **Health Care Card Holders**

**Parents who hold a valid Health Care Card are entitled to receive a credit of \$500 off their fee account, made up as follows:**



- Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) payment: The State Government provides an annual CSEF payment of \$250 to assist eligible families cover the costs of camps, excursions, and sporting activities.
- **Health Care Card concession: Parents who qualify for CSEF will automatically have this amount matched by the College with a further \$250 concession.**

Applications can be entered from 28 January 2025 and must be processed by 27 June 2025.

To apply for CSEF please complete the enclosed application form, or download a form at: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au) and return it to the college's Finance Office.

- **Overdue Letters**

Two overdue letters will be sent to all families whose account is deemed overdue, including for the following reasons:

- Failure to submit a Payment Arrangement Plan;
- Failure to adhere to a submitted Payment Arrangement Plan;
- Failure to finalise an outstanding balance (annually fees are to be fully paid by 30 November);
- Failure by the person(s) responsible for a student's fees to respond to attempts by the College to discuss their account.

- **Final Notice**

A Final Notice is sent to debtors who have not satisfactorily responded to the two overdue letters, after which debt collection procedures will commence.

- **Debt Collection**

As a last resort the College will use a debt collection agency and/or take legal action where there has not been acceptable communication or responses to earlier approaches to bring fees up to date. **The cost incurred by the College for such actions will be passed directly on to the family.**

- **Edstart**



We understand, when it comes to finances especially, some families are more open to a confidential discussion with an independent and trusted third party.

An alternative payment method is available to families through Edstart who will pay your *Tuition Fees and Charges* upfront to the college and then families periodically repay *Edstart* through 2025 or over an extended period. Edstart can also facilitate a payment plan that incorporates both current and outstanding fees (pending application approval). The cost associated with this service is borne by the family.

Included in this mailing is a flyer that contains introductory information, and whilst you are always encouraged to discuss your financial situation directly with the school to ensure fees are kept up to date, so as not to place your student's enrolment at the college in jeopardy, you have this other avenue available. Families who wish to explore establishing an Edstart account should visit: [Pay your fees at St Patrick's College with Edstart.](#)