

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## 2026 SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES

The 2026 School Fees and Levies were finalised in consultation with the School Advisory Board at the beginning of the term. While we continue to balance the financial pressures, many families may be experiencing we must also try to manage the increasing cost pressures faced by the school.

Tuition Fees at St Robert's Primary School are also mandated by the Commonwealth and State Government's calculation of our community's ability to financially contribute to the operating costs of our school, known as the Capacity to Contribute, or CTC, which is reviewed annually. Please see the MACS information sheet attached which explains this.

School Fees & Levies for 2026 will be;

School Fees & Levies	Charged	Amount
<b>School Family Fee</b>	per Family	\$2,783.00
<b>Building Levy</b>	per Family	\$550.00
<b>Curriculum Levy</b>	per Student	\$550.00
<b>Technology Levy</b>	per Student	\$160.00
<b>*Camp 5 &amp; Yr 6</b>	Per Student	\$390.00

**EXISTING ONGOING  
PAYMENT  
ARRANGEMENTS  
ROLLOVER TO 2026**  
Please refer to Direct Debit  
Payment Schedule for  
applicable amount.

*\*Camp is not included in Direct Debit Payment, it is paid separately prior to Students attending Camp*

### EXAMPLE: One Child Year Foundation

School Fees & Levies	Charged	Amount
<b>School Family Fee x 1</b>	per Family	\$2,783.00
<b>Building Levy x 1</b>	per Family	\$550.00
<b>Curriculum Levy x 1</b>	per Student	\$550.00
<b>Technology Levy x 1</b>	per Student	\$160.00
<b>Total Fees &amp; Levies 2026</b>		<b>\$4,043.00</b>

### EXAMPLE: Two Children Year 3 & Year 6

School Fees & Levies	Charged	Amount
<b>School Family Fee x 1</b>	per Family	\$2,783.00
<b>Building Levy x 1</b>	per Family	\$550.00
<b>Curriculum Levy x 2</b>	per Student	\$1,100.00
<b>Technology Levy x 2</b>	per Student	\$320.00
<b>Camp Yr 6 x 1</b>	Per Student	\$390.00
<b>Total Fees &amp; Levies 2026</b>		<b>\$5,143.00</b>

## **PAYMENT OF FEES & LEVIES**

**Invoices and Statements** – Families are billed annually for School Fees and Levies at the commencement of each school year for all enrolled child/ren. Invoices are emailed at the beginning of term one and statements are emailed termly. If you do not receive an invoice or statement in term one, please check with the Office to ensure we have your correct contact details.

**Direct Debit** – The school's preferred payment option is by Direct Debit either Fortnightly or Monthly which assists Families with the timely payment of fees.

Direct Debit arrangements already in place for 2025 will rollover to 2026.

**Direct Debit & Ongoing Payment Arrangement Forms are available from the Office.**

### **How much will my payments be?**

Direct Debit amounts payable will be adjusted accordingly each year in line with the school fees and levies set for that school year, **refer to Payment Schedule below**, unless written notification to alter this ongoing arrangement by fee payer is received.

***The calculation of Direct Debit amount, shown in the schedule is the total of the fees and levies charged at the beginning of the school year but will NOT include Camp Fees.***

*Camp Fees are charged to accounts at the beginning of the school year to assist families in planning for the cost and is due to be paid prior to student/s attending Camp.*

### **How do I access my Fee Account information?**

For account transactions, copies of invoices and statements families can access this information any time on the Community Portal by clicking the 'View School Fees' tab.

***It is the Fee Payers responsibility to be aware of the deduction amount, refer to the table following with the 2026 calculations and 2026 Direct Debit Calendar on the following pages.***

### **How do I update my Ongoing Payment Arrangement?**

Ongoing Payment Agreement's will rollover to 2026. Families can update their Payment Arrangement by completing new forms and return by email to [fees@srnewtown.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fees@srnewtown.catholic.edu.au) OR over the counter by: **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. Forms are available from the office.

### **CONCESSIONS & CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)**

Families who are the holders of a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and Concessional School Fees. Application forms are available by contacting the school office in February 2026.

If families are unable to meet the methods of payment or are having financial difficulties in meeting your fee commitment you are asked to inform Rebecca O'Leary, Principal and a payment meeting will be held.

We look forward to continuing to work together with our families to achieve the best outcomes for our children as they undertake their learning journey here at St Robert's.

Warm regards,



Rebecca O'Leary  
**PRINCIPAL**

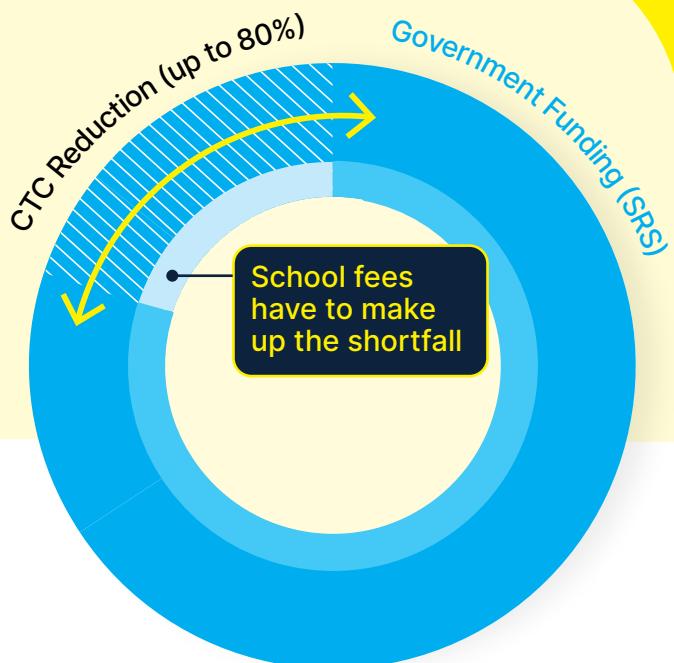


# Parent Guide to Catholic School Funding

Catholic schools (and other non-government schools) are funded through a combination of:

1. Commonwealth Government funding
2. State Government funding
3. Parent contributions in the form of tuition fees and charges.

This is how the pieces of the pie fit together.



## Baseline funding (the SRS)

There is an agreed annual amount that government funds every school to meet its students' educational needs. This is called the **Schooling Resource Standard (SRS)**. Under this national agreement, the Australian and state governments together fund schools in line with the SRS.

The final SRS Base for 2025 was \$13,991 for each primary student, and \$17,582 for each secondary student.

In addition to this base amount, there are up to six loadings that can provide additional funding for student priority cohorts and disadvantaged schools.

To ensure that funding keeps up with changes in wages and other costs, the SRS base amount and loadings are indexed each year.

## The Capacity to Contribute (CTC)

For Catholic schools, the SRS base amount is then **reduced** by the school community's Capacity to Contribute. This can be as much as an 80% reduction.

The CTC for each school is determined by the taxable income of the families attending the school, as reported annually to the Australian Tax Office.

Schools are currently expected to recover the CTC shortfall in SRS funding through school fees.

Importantly, none of this government funding can be used for buildings and infrastructure in Catholic schools. Our buildings and infrastructure are funded by capital grants from the Commonwealth and/or Victorian governments, and by parent contributions through fees, school cash reserves and capital levies.

Further information is available on the [School Resourcing Standard](#) through the Australian Government Department of Education.



## 2026 SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

It is the Fee Payers responsibility to be aware of the deduction amount. Refer to the table below with the 2026 calculations. Please keep a copy including calendar for your reference.

### Family Enrolled in 2025 onwards – Option 1 and 2

#### Option 1 – FORTNIGHTLY DIRECT DEBIT Every Second Thursday (21 Payments)

Commencing on: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Last Payment will be: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Due Dates	One Child	Two Children	Three Children
<b>Fortnightly Thursdays</b>	\$192.53	\$226.34	\$260.15
Total	\$4,043.00	\$4,753.00	\$5,463.00

#### Option 2 – MONTHLY DIRECT DEBIT 15<sup>th</sup> of Month (10 Payments)

Commencing on: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Last Payment will be: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Due Dates	One Child	Two Children	Three Children
<b>15<sup>th</sup> of each month</b>	\$404.30	\$475.30	\$546.30
Total	\$4,043.00	\$4,753.00	\$5,463.00

### Family Enrolled before 2025 – Option 1 to 4 Available

#### Option 3 – THREE TERM PAYMENTS DIRECT DEBIT Due: 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Due Dates	One Child	Two Children	Three Children
<b>Term 1 due on 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	\$1,348.00	\$1,585.00	\$1,821.00
<b>Term 2 due on 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	\$1,348.00	\$1,584.00	\$1,821.00
<b>Term 3 due on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	\$1,347.00	\$1,584.00	\$1,821.00
Total	\$4,043.00	\$4,753.00	\$5,463.00

#### Option 4 – PAYMENT IN FULL DIRECT DEBIT Due 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Due Dates	One Child	Two Children	Three Children
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2026</b>	\$4,043.00	\$4,753.00	\$5,463.00

**\*Camp Fees – Note, Direct Debit Payments do not include Year 5 & 6 Camp Fee  
Camp Fee is paid separately prior to Students attending Camp.**

**Please Note:** If the scheduled direct debit date falls on a weekend or public holiday, payment will be processed on the next business day. You must ensure you have sufficient funds available in your account.



# 2026 Direct Debit Calendar

## St Robert's Newtown

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
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OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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From: **12<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
Last: **19<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

**OPTION 1 – FORTNIGHTLY  
DIRECT DEBIT**  
Every Second Thursday  
(21 Payments)

**OPTION 2 – MONTHLY  
DIRECT DEBIT**  
15<sup>th</sup> of Month (10 Payments)  
From: **15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
Last: **15<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

**OPTION 3 – THREE PAYMENTS**  
Term 1 due – **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**  
Term 2 due - **1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**  
Term 3 due - **1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2026**

**OPTION 4 – IN FULL**  
Term 1 due –  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

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