***ST PIUS V SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES 2027***

School fees and levies for St Pius V Primary School for 2027 are listed below and have been approved by the School Pastoral Board. There is also a brief explanation of the areas of expenditure involved. The school is committed to spending fees in the areas designated.

| | ONE CHILD | TWO CHILDREN | THREE CHILDREN | FOUR CHILDREN |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SCHOOL FEES** | 2,052 | 3,284 | 4,104 | 4,516 |
| **CAPITAL LEVY** | 796 | 796 | 796 | 796 |
| **GENERAL PURPOSE LEVY** | 324 | 324 | 324 | 324 |
| **STUDENT LEVY** | 520 | 1,040 | 1,560 | 2,080 |
| **RESOURCE LEVY** | 140 | 280 | 420 | 560 |
| **P & F LEVY** | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 |
| **TOTAL PER YEAR** | 3,982 | 5,874 | 7,354 | 8,426 |
| **TOTAL PER TERM (4 TERMS)** | 995.50 | 1,468.50 | 1,838.50 | 2,106.50 |

**ADD ADDITIONAL YEAR LEVEL LEVIES (PER CHILD)**

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| **YEARS 3-6 1:1 IPAD PROGRAM** | $ 300 |
| **INSTRUMENTAL AND BAND PROGRAM (YEARS 3-6)** | $ 850 |

**An Example of fee calculation:**

| A family with 3 children at St Pius in Years 5, 4 and Prep | |
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| Total per year (3 children) - as per table | $ 7,354 |
| Add Year 4&5 1:1 iPad Program | $ 600 |
| Add Instrumental/Band Fee if required (1 student) | $ 850 |

**School Fees**

These funds pay for the everyday operations of our school and general running costs. Additionally, they pay the Archdiocesan Education Levy, set by the Brisbane Archdiocese, for all Brisbane Catholic Education schools. Along with government funding, this levy provides for the staffing and functioning of schools, offices and service centres that are part of Brisbane Catholic Education.

**Capital Levy (per Family)**

Used to fund all building works and to assist with the building program; pay the capital and interest on building loans and for the maintenance and upkeep of buildings.

**P&F Levy (per Family)**

Combined with monies raised through fundraising, this levy finances P&F initiatives that aid the resourcing of St Pius. The levy ensures that there is an equitable contribution of all families to the activities of the P&F in support of our school.

**1:1 iPad Program**

Our iPad program enables students from Years 3 to 6 the use of an iPad and associated programs.

**Instrumental Music Program**

The St Pius Instrumental Music Program gives students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and participate in band and ensemble rehearsals and performances.

**Year Level Levies (per Student)**

This is to provide classroom items used by the children and staff, including photocopying and general teaching materials. Also covers expenses of dance and swimming programs, as well as those of children's participation in excursion experiences (including visiting performances and exhibitions).

**Resource Levy (per Student)**

This is a nominal fee collected to support the provision of stationery items within the classroom. This levy ensures that students have access to a consistent supply of high-quality stationery items throughout the academic year. This initiative aims to alleviate the financial burden of booklists on parents while guaranteeing students have the required resources to actively engage in their studies and excel in their educational pursuits.

**General Purpose Levy (per Family)**

This is used for the maintenance and upgrading of technology equipment accessed by all students. The range of technologies used in each learning space on an everyday basis is testament to how our technological capabilities are improving each year. This will also cover the increase in electricity costs for air conditioning of classrooms.

**Voluntary Library and Building Funds**

These additional items are **completely voluntary** but enable the provision of another avenue to enhance resourcing and to maintain the facilities in our school, while ensuring there is a limited impost on families due to receiving the full tax benefit.

## Payment Terms and Options

- School fees will be invoiced each term and emailed to families.
- Payment is required two weeks after the issue date unless you have a direct debit or other arrangement in place.
- Payment options are BPAY; Direct Debit; BPOINT; EFTPOS; Centrelink deduction or Cash.

## Direct Debit

Direct Debit is a very convenient way of paying your fees by spreading the cost over the year. Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, or annually automatically from your bank account. Direct Debit Forms (DDR) are available on the Parent Portal or from the school office. Complete one form to last the entire time your child/children are at St Pius. No payments are deducted over the December/January holiday period (unless you advise otherwise) and any increases and changes in amounts will be advised accordingly in line with BCE policy.

## Difficulty Paying?

It is important to contact the school if you are unable to pay your fees by the due date.

It has always been our policy to assist parents who may be experiencing difficulties in meeting fee obligations. By contacting the school early, arrangements can be made before circumstances become more difficult. Often a friendly chat can ease future pain.