



Kildare Catholic College

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Kildare Catholic College Secondary School Fees for 2025

Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga (CEDWW) remains committed to providing an excellent Catholic education that is both accessible for families and financially responsible. As part of a system of 29 Catholic schools across the Diocese, our school fees are reviewed annually.

When reviewing school fees, we carefully consider factors such as the sustainability of our school, the economic conditions and the needs of our community. Setting school fees is a significant decision, and our goal is to balance affordability with the investment required to maintain a high standard of education and the development of your child's learning and spiritual environment.

For Catholic schools, the need to charge tuition fees and levies arises from the funding levels provided by governments for students in non-government schools. School fees bridge the gap between government contributions and the actual costs of running our schools, allowing us to hire skilled teachers and staff, maintain facilities and provide quality resources. As we look ahead, the gap between government funding and operational costs is expected to widen.

Costs such as insurance, electricity, repairs, and maintenance continue to rise significantly. Staff wages – our biggest expenditure, representing up to 80% of our budget – reflect the dedication of our teachers. In 2023, an average salary increase of over 8% was implemented to recognise their vital contributions.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of our school and maintain our commitment to high-quality education, the following fees have been determined for 2025.

Tuition Fees:

- **Year 7 – 12:** \$5,310.00 per student, annually
- **Sibling discounts** will continue in 2025 as follows:
 - 20% for the second child
 - 50% for the third child
 - 90% for the fourth and additional children

These discounts apply across all CEDWW schools, both primary and secondary. For example, if you have a student attending Kildare and another child attending one of our primary schools, the sibling discount will apply for those children.

Note: Sibling discounts only apply to the tuition fees, not to any other levies, fees, excursions/retreats or additional charges. The discount is available for CEDWW students under the same primary legal guardian's account.

Resource Fees:

- **Year 7 – 12:** \$425.00 per student, annually covers costs such as technology resources and textbooks.

Building Levy:

- \$250 per student, annually covers capital costs for school facilities.

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Elective Fees:

- **Year 9 – 12:** Elective subject levies will be charged separately on a cost recovery basis.
- All subject excursions and optional activities will also be charged separately on a cost recovery basis, with participation in excursions and payment being compulsory.

Camps:

- **Year 12 Retreat:** \$360 per student (compulsory)
- **Year 8 Camp:** \$440 per student (compulsory)

Sport Fees:

- **Year 7-8 Offsite Sport Fee:** \$200.00 per student, annually, charged on a cost recovery basis. Includes access to activities such as Flip-Out, PCYC, and Laser-Tag. Offsite sport occurs once a fortnight.
- **Year 9-10 Offsite Sport Fee:** \$50 per student, annually, charged on a cost recovery basis. Includes access to activities such as Flip-Out, PCYC, and Laser-Tag. Offsite sport occurs once a term.

Payment Information:

Invoices and the School Fee Instalment Agreement will be sent to parents at the start of the 2025 school year. Payment is due within 30 days unless a payment arrangement is made with the College. It is CEDWW policy that all fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year, in line with state and federal legislation governing school funding.

If you are experiencing genuine financial hardship, fee relief is available. Please contact our finance team at kcc-accounts@ww.catholic.edu.au or call (02) 6932 6100 for a confidential discussion about fee assistance options or to clarify any part of this letter.

We're grateful for your partnership with us and look forward to providing your child with the best Catholic education.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Browne
College Principal