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COLLEGE

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DOC10501 STAC FEE SCHEDULE 2022

Foundation To Year 12



School fees are set in October each year and are published on the College's website in advance of the following academic year.

A reference to 'parent/s' in this document also applies to guardian/s and authorized carer/s of students.

Full details and descriptions of all fees are contained in the 'PP105 St Thomas Aquinas College Fee Management Policy and Procedure' document. This can be located under 'Links' in each family's Parent Lounge online portal account.

1. Application Fee: \$150 (once per family)

The Application Fee is non-refundable and must be paid at the time of application for enrolment. The Application Fee is only payable by families that are new or returning to the College. There are no sibling or upfront discounts applicable to the Application Fee. This fee is not credited towards family tuition fees.

2. Acceptance Fee: \$200 (once per student)

The College charges a fee upon commencement of each new student at the College. This fee is not credited towards family tuition fees.

3. Tuition Fees (all students - annually)

3.1 Tuition fees are the main source of fee income for the College. The College uses this fee to assist with operating costs such as paying operating costs, security, photocopying, technology upgrades, general classroom resources and Learning Support resources.

3.2 Tuition fees for 2022:

Sub School	Child #	Annual Tuition Fee
Primary	1	\$2,210
	2	\$1,990
	3	\$1,770
	4	\$1,550
Secondary	1	\$3,150
	2	\$2,840
	3	\$2,520
	4	\$2,210

* Fees can be calculated on a Term basis by dividing the total Annual Tuition Fee by four.

3.3 Tuition Fee Discounts

3.3.1 Additional siblings - As shown above, a concession is provided on tuition fees based on the number of students from the same family attending the Primary and/or Secondary sub-schools. In acknowledgement of the many large families attending the College, the charging of tuition fees is capped at four children per family, with the fifth and any subsequent siblings participating on a tuition free basis.

3.3.2 'Early-Bird' discount - A 5% discount on the Annual Tuition Fee will be applied to families who pay their entire school fee balance within the first term of the academic year.

4. Consolidated Fees (all students)

4.1 Consolidated fees bring together a number of previously stand-alone charges that are common to all students in each year level. This includes standard stationery items, compulsory camps, excursions, incursions, Feast Day activities, student insurance levy, school diaries, house badges etc. Fees are reviewed annually by the College.

4.2 In 2022, consolidated fees are:

Primary sub-school	Secondary sub-school
Foundation: \$400	
Grade 1: \$400	Year 7: \$1010
Grade 2: \$400	Year 8: \$935
Grade 3: \$400	Year 9: \$935
Grade 4: \$700	Year 10: \$935
Grade 5: \$700	Year 11: \$935
Grade 6: \$590	Year 12: \$935

5. Class Resources Levy (all students)

The College charges an additional fee for each student where there are non-standard items applicable to each student's year level. Examples of non-standard items include the purchase of specific books selected for the Primary Literacy program in any given year. As this fee is generally set by the classroom teacher each year, the amount can vary considerably from year level to year level. The exact amount of the Resources Levy is notified to parents at the commencement of Term 1.

6. Book Hire Levy (Secondary students)

The College will charge all Secondary students a predetermined amount for the hire of text books and any class sets for the year. All books provided to students must be returned to the College at the completion of the relevant year. The current replacement cost of books will be charged to the relevant fee account if books are not returned to the College in a satisfactory condition.

7. Library Loan Replacement Fees (as applicable)

Overdue or damaged library resources loaned to students will be charged for the reasonable cost of replacement as required. The relevant family will be sent at least three reminder emails before being invoiced for these items via the family fee account. Once invoiced by the College, a family is deemed to own the overdue or damaged items and these may only be subsequently accepted by the College at its sole discretion.

8. Fundraising Levy (all families – annual)

8.1 The College Principal may impose a Fundraising Levy specifically designed to give the College funds to improve the programs and facilities offered to our students. When this charge is implemented in a given year, this is a compulsory charge and is non-tax refundable.

8.2 The Levy may be waived on the condition that families of students volunteer to support fundraising events and otherwise assist the College on an in-kind basis.

8.3 No Fundraising Levy will be charged in 2022.

9. Charge for Damages (as applicable)

- 9.1 The College believes that students bear at least partial responsibility for any damage caused to school property through their own negligence, carelessness, recklessness or wilful intent. The College has therefore adopted an approach of charging parent accounts for the cost of repairs in these types of situations. This includes the costs of any materials and labour involved in the repair.
- 9.2 Mitigating factors, such as genuine remorse demonstrated on the part of the responsible student and owning up to their actions at the earliest opportunity, are given consideration before determining the total debt charged to the parent account.

10. Late Fees (as applicable)

- 10.1 Late fees may be charged when a school fee account is not paid in full by the due date of 31 December each year. These are applied at the discretion of the Principal.
- 10.2 The late fee charges are:
- >30 days late: \$100
 - >60 days late: \$150
 - >90 days late: \$250
- 10.3 To avoid a late fee, we recommend that parents contact the College Bursar if there is likely to be a delay with payment of their account.

11. Financial Institution Fees (as applicable)

- 11.1 Any fee payments involving an additional charge to the College will be included in the payment made. For example, paying school fees using the electronic credit card facility at the College incurs an additional 1.6% service fee for the College. This amount will be added to the fee payment at the time of the transaction.
- 11.2 Any credit card, direct debit or cheque payment that is declined by the relevant financial institution, for any reason, will be liable for an additional administration fee of \$50.

12. School Building Fund (all families - voluntary)

- 12.1 The College operates a building fund approved by the Australian Taxation Office for Deductible Gift Recipient status. All donations to the school building fund over \$2 are eligible to receive a receipt from the College as evidence of an allowable tax deduction. A donation of \$500 per family per annum is suggested and welcomed.

St Thomas Aquinas College Building Fund

BSB: 083-827

Account: 847589180

(Please remember to include your family name in the transaction description)

- 12.2 Receipts for all donations to the school building fund will be provided to families in July each year.

13. Other Charges

13.1 The College may levy other charges for optional products, services and activities. These may include an instrumental music fee (for extra-curricular tuition), fees for attendance at College-sanctioned activities (e.g., optional fencing program or after hours debating), charges relevant to special activities such as a non-compulsory interstate or overseas trip (e.g., adventure activities, insurances etc.).

13.2 The amounts of these charges are determined by the College Executive each year. Details of costs are provided to parents/guardians at the time that permission letters are sent to allow families to make informed financial decisions. Conditions around payments and refunds of these charges are included in information packs provided to students and their parents on a case-by-case basis.

14. Methods of Fee Payment

14.1 College fee payments can be made by:

- Cash, cheque or credit card at Reception
- Electronic bank transfer
- Direct deposit via payment plan

14.2 Flexible payment plans are available to suit individual circumstances.

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