



STAC FEE SCHEDULE 2023

Foundation To Year 12



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

Fees are charged each Term and families are provided with a statement invoice at the beginning of each Term. An annual fee Statement showing the amount due for the full year is also included in the statement for Term 1.



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

1. Introducing Edstart (www.edstart.com.au)

1.1 *From 2023, the College has partnered with specialist provider Edstart to facilitate all school fee payments. Fees can be paid annually, termly, or in monthly, fortnightly or weekly instalments.*

1.2 *To pay fees, families have been asked to set up their account at www.edstart.com.au/stac*

1.3 We ask that all current school families register for an Edstart account by 1 December 2022.

1.4 New families should register an Edstart account once they have received their first account invoice/statement from the College.

1.5 All fees listed in this document may be included in a family Edstart account.

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

The Enrolment 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.

3. 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.

4. Tuition Fees (all students ** - annually)

4.1 Tuition fees are the main source of fee income for the College. The College uses this fee to assist with operating costs such as staff salaries, student programs, building maintenance, security, technology upgrades, general classroom resources and Learning Support resources. Payments of Tuition Fees are managed by Edstart on behalf of the College.

4.2 Fees can be calculated on a Term basis by dividing the total Annual Tuition Fee (below) by four.



4.3 Tuition fees for 2023:

| Sub School | Child # | Annual Tuition Fee |
|------------|---------|--------------------|
| Primary | 1 | \$2,280 |
| | 2 | \$2,050 |
| | 3 | \$1,830 |
| | 4 | \$1,600 |
| Secondary | 1 | \$3,250 |
| | 2 | \$2,930 |
| | 3 | \$2,600 |
| | 4 | \$2,280 |

4.4 Tuition Fee Discounts

4.4.1 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. Note, this concession applies to tuition fees only and does not extend to Consolidated Fees.

4.4.2 'Early-Bird' discount - A 5% discount on the Annual Tuition Fee will be applied to families who pay their entire school fee balance before 31 March 2023. Note, this discount does not apply to Consolidated Fees.

5. Consolidated Fees (all students)

5.1 Introduced in 2022, 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, book hire, compulsory camps, excursions, incursions, Feast Day activities, student insurance levy, school diaries, house badges etc.

5.2 Consolidated fees are carefully analysed by the College each year to ensure equity for families and value for money for parents. Payments of Tuition Fees are managed by Edstart on behalf of the College.



5.3 In 2023, consolidated fees are:

| Primary sub-school | Secondary sub-school |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Foundation: \$350 | |
| Grade 1: \$350 | Year 7: \$940 |
| Grade 2: \$350 | Year 8: \$940 |
| Grade 3: \$350 | Year 9: \$910 |
| Grade 4: \$615 | Year 10: \$910 |
| Grade 5: \$615 | Year 11: \$910 |
| Grade 6: \$540 | Year 12: \$910 |

6. Class Resources Levy (all students)

This fee has now been incorporated into Consolidated Fees (see above).

7. Book Hire Levy (Secondary students)

7.1 The College charges 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.

7.2 Please note, this fee has now been incorporated into Consolidated Fees (see above). The current replacement cost of books will be charged to the relevant family fee account if books are not returned to the College in a satisfactory condition. See '10. Charge for Damages' below.

8. Library Loan Replacement Fees (as applicable)

8.1 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 their family fee account.

8.2 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. If the library book or resource is later located by a family, the College will not accept the return of the item and the resulting charge on the family account will remain.

9. Fundraising Levy (all families – annual)

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

9.3 No Fundraising Levy will be charged in 2023.



10. Charge for Damages (as applicable)

- 10.1 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 considers the costs of any materials and labour involved in the repair.
- 10.2 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.

11. Late Fees (as applicable)

- 11.1 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 fees are applied at the discretion of the Principal.
- 11.2 As the College has now partnered with Edstart to collect school fees, this charge has been suspended in 2023.

12. Financial Institution Fees (as applicable)

- 12.1 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 (rather than directly to Edstart) currently incurs an additional 1.6% service fee for the College (subject to change by the provider). This amount will be added to the fee payment at the time of the transaction.
- 12.2 As the College has now partnered with Edstart to collect school fees, this charge has been suspended in 2023.

13. School Building Fund (all families - voluntary)

- 13.1 The College operates a building fund approved by the Australian Taxation Office with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. All donations to the school building fund \$2 and over 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.
- 13.2 The Building Fund account details are:

St Thomas Aquinas College Building Fund

BSB: 083-827

Account: 847589180 (Please remember to include your family name in the transaction description)

- 13.3 Receipts for all donations to the College Building Fund will be provided upon request.

14. Other Charges

- 14.1 The College may levy other charges for optional products, services and activities that are not incorporated into the Consolidated Fees. These may include fees for interstate or overseas trips or other special extra-curricular activities.



14.2 Parents will be asked to pay for these events in advance or may elect to have them added to their family fee account managed by Edstart.

15. Methods of Fee Payment

15.1 Edstart fee payments can be made by:

- Direct debit
- Debit/credit card
- BPay

15.2 In exceptional circumstances, the College may consider receiving cash, cheque or credit card payments on behalf of Edstart. This type of arrangement will first require the express authorisation of a member of the Executive Team.

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