



## 2025 SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES

The School Fee Structure has been set for 2025.

In 2025 the school fees and the curriculum levy have both increased by 3% in line with the Educational Consumer Price Index (CPI). All fees and levies have been reviewed and endorsed by your School Advisory Council. The levies for sports and ICT have also increased by 3% this year. Camps are an estimate based on previous quotes.

We have decided again this year not to charge our families the Capital & Maintenance Levy. This may change in the coming years. The School Fee is charged per family and is tiered for 1 child and 2+ child families. Student Levies are charged per student and are structured according to year level. They include: a Curriculum & Information Communication Technology (ICT) Levy and a Camp, Sport, Excursion & Other Levy.

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We understand that many families have varying circumstances and in response to the rising cost of living expenses, we are committed to supporting those who need additional assistance.

Please be assured that this support is provided to ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive in our school community. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the school office.

FAMILY SCHOOL FEES STRUCTURE—Per Family			
	1 student family	2 student family	3+student family
<b>School Fees</b>	\$1,345.00	\$1,528.00	\$1,528.00
<b>Capital &amp; Maintenance Levy</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,345.00</b>	<b>\$1,528.00</b>	<b>\$1,528.00</b>

STUDENT LEVY STRUCTURE—Per Student							
	Prep	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
<b>Curriculum Levy</b>	\$296.00	\$296.00	\$296.00	\$296.00	\$296.00	\$296.00	\$296.00
<b>ICT Levy</b>	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
<b>Camp, Sport, Excursion &amp; Other Levy</b>	\$129.00	\$129.00	\$129.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
<b>Grade 3&amp;4 Camp – Estimated cost</b>				\$300.00	\$300.00		
<b>Grade 5&amp;6 Camp - Estimated cost</b>						\$660.00	\$660.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$528.00</b>	<b>\$528.00</b>	<b>\$528.00</b>	<b>\$879.00</b>	<b>\$879.00</b>	<b>\$1,296.00</b>	<b>\$1,296.00</b>

## **CURRICULUM & ICT LEVY**

This levy covers part of the cost to set up supplies and resources for classrooms and specialist classes, e.g. Art, Music, Library, and Auslan for the year. This is why we ask parents to pay this levy as early as possible in the school year. It also assists the school to provide computers and iPads for use across the school. The levy is higher for students in Grade 5 & 6 as students have an individual Chromebook computer.

## **CAMP, SPORT, EXCURSION & OTHER LEVY**

This levy helps to cover part of the costs associated with the provision of camps, sports, sport coaching, physical education programs, incursions, excursions, workshops and extra activities.

### **CAMPS**

The cost per student is as follows:

- **2025 Grade 3 & 4 Camp – Camp Billabong at Echuca**  
Estimated to be \$300 per child.
- **2025 Grade 5&6 Camp – Canberra**  
Estimated to be \$660 per child.

OLSH school believes all students should have the opportunity to attend camp and families are welcome to discuss individual fee assistance if necessary.

## **PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES & LEVIES**

The range of educational opportunities and experiences has been offered within the context of our budgeting. It will therefore be important that payment of fees and levies are honoured. We are very aware of the rising costs for families and this is given careful consideration in the process of setting school fees and levies. However, due to Government school funding agreements, there is an expectation that Catholic school communities contribute to the cost of education.

We encourage payment of fees via direct debit. This allows for regular payments to be made equally over the 40 school weeks. Direct debit request forms are available from the office or the school website.

Please note: If your current payment arrangement is direct debit, this will continue in 2025 and the school will contact you to confirm the revised payment amount for each instalment for the 2025 school year.

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE:** The Conveyance Allowance may be available for families who live **more than 4.8km** from this or any other Catholic School, and/or who live 4.8km from the closest free country school bus stop and drive their child/ren to school. Please contact the school if you think you may be eligible for this allowance.

## **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND**

Families who hold a current Pension or Healthcare Card are asked to apply for this funding as it helps the school to cover the costs of travel and sporting activities that occur during the year, not just the scheduled camps for Grades 3 to 6. If you have applied in past years your student will remain funded while your card is active. Any new students will need to be included in a new application. Please see the school office for a form.

## **HEALTHCARE CARD HOLDERS**

Families who are eligible for a current Pension or Healthcare Card will qualify for further fee assistance and are asked to contact the office.

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

All fees and levies for the year will be billed at the start of the school year. Families will receive a school fee statement in February, 2025. The school provides a number of options for the payment of school fees and levies.

- **Payment in Full:** Fees paid in full at the beginning of the school year.
- **Payment per Term:** Fees paid at the beginning of each term with the final payment due at the start of 4<sup>th</sup> Term 2025.
- **Direct Debit:** Payments made fortnightly, monthly (15<sup>th</sup> day of the month) or quarterly from your nominated bank account. Please collect a direct debit form from the office.

- **Direct Credit:** Payments may be made directly to the school bank account via online banking.

OLSH School

National Australia Bank

BSB: 083-543

Account No: 457812447

Please use your last name or account number as a reference.

- **Centrepay:** Centrepay is a voluntary bill-paying service which is free for Centrelink customers. Use Centrepay to arrange regular deductions from your Centrelink payment.

You can start or change a deduction at any time through your Centrelink account online:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/centrepay/how-use-it/how-set-deductions>

**The school strongly suggests you use the direct debit system to pay your fees if you will not be paying the annual lump sum.**

### **FEE DIFFICULTIES**

If you are expecting to experience difficulties paying your School Fees in 2025, immediate contact with the Principal is requested to allow for suitable arrangements to be made. Confidential special assistance is available to families in cases of financial hardship. Please contact the Principal on:

T: 5432 6254 or E: principal@olshelmore.catholic.edu.au

If you have any questions regarding school fees, levies or payment options please contact the office.

# Health Care Card

# HCC

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## 3 simple steps

- 1 provide a copy of your HCC to the school office
- 2 complete a Camps, Sports & Excursions Form (CSEF)
- 3 set up a direct debit arrangement at the school

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