

The approximate cost of the tuition fee component of a Catholic primary school education over a 40-week school year is \$44.15 per week (or \$33.96 per calendar week). For secondary education, the approximate tuition fee ranges from \$75.65 per school week (\$58.20 per calendar week) for lower secondary to \$92.90 per school week (\$71.46) per calendar week for upper secondary. These approximations are before Subsequent Child and Rural Location discounts.

School Fees also comprise levies, which vary from school to school, and may include items like a Capital Levy, Resource or Year Levies and Activities Levies. Levies in secondary colleges add approximately \$75 per week. These approximations are before Subsequent Child and Rural Location discounts.

Discounts apply for families with more than one child attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns. In primary and secondary schools, a 15% discount on tuition fees applies for two children, a 30% discount for three children, and up to a 70% discount for seven children. This discount applies even if children are at different Catholic schools within the Cairns Diocese.

Twelve primary schools in the diocese and three secondary colleges attract a further discount because of their rural location and/or having limited access to a Catholic secondary college.

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes below, to assist with calculating fees from the Student Tuition Fee Schedule, overleaf.

Explanatory Notes

To calculate tuition fees payable, the following steps are necessary:

- Determine number of students per family attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cairns.
- Identify that column in Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule (top of schedule).
- Identify annual fee per student from that column for each level of education the students are receiving. That is Primary, Lower Secondary or Upper Secondary.
- If the students are attending a 'Country Discount' school the annual fee per student is the fee per student after country discount.

Examples of tuition fee calculation for different family structures (non-country discount schools) are:

Two Student family with both students in Primary School

- From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,501.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,501 per student times 2 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$3,002.

Three Student family with all students in Primary School

- From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee per student is \$1,236.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$1,236 per student times 3 students. Total tuition fees payable of \$3,708.

Two Student family with 1 student in Primary and 1 student in Lower Secondary

- From the column '2 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee for the primary student is \$1,501 and the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$2,572.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$4,073 (\$1,501 + \$2,572).

Three Student family with 1 student in Primary, 1 student in Lower Secondary and 1 student in Upper Secondary

- From the column '3 students in Parish & Diocesan Schools' the annual fee for the primary student is \$1,236, the annual fee for the lower secondary student is \$2,118 and the annual fee for the upper secondary student is \$2,601.
- Annual tuition fees for this family structure are \$5,955 (\$1,236 + \$2,118 + \$2,601).

Catholic Diocese of Cairns 2025 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule

Tuition Fee Per Student						
Number of Students in Parish & Diocesan Schools						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Prep & Primary - Years P-6

No additional charge for 4 or more siblings

Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
Prep & Primary - per week (40 wks)	44	38	31	23	19	15	13
Prep & Primary - per term	442	375	309	232	185	155	132
2025 - Prep & Primary - per year	1766	1501	1236	927	742	618	530
<i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i>	<i>-177</i>	<i>-151</i>	<i>-125</i>	<i>-93</i>	<i>-75</i>	<i>-62</i>	<i>-53</i>
2025 - Prep & Primary after country discount	\$ 1588	\$ 1350	\$ 1112	\$ 834	\$ 667	\$ 556	\$ 476

Lower Secondary - Years 7-9

Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
Lower Secondary - per week (40 wks)	76	64	53	40	32	26	23
Lower Secondary - per term	757	643	530	397	318	265	227
2025 - Lower Secondary - per year	3026	2572	2118	1589	1271	1059	908
<i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i>	<i>-303</i>	<i>-258</i>	<i>-213</i>	<i>-160</i>	<i>-128</i>	<i>-106</i>	<i>-91</i>
2025 - Lower Secondary after country discount	\$ 2722	\$ 2314	\$ 1905	\$ 1429	\$ 1143	\$ 953	\$ 817

Upper Secondary - Years 10-12

Discount Percentage	0.0%	15.0%	30.0%	47.5%	58.0%	65.0%	70.0%
Upper Secondary - per week (40 wks)	93	79	65	49	39	33	28
Upper Secondary - per term	929	790	650	488	390	325	279
2025 - Upper Secondary - per year	3716	3159	2601	1951	1561	1301	1115
<i>Less Country Discount @ 10%</i>	<i>-371</i>	<i>-315</i>	<i>-260</i>	<i>-195</i>	<i>-156</i>	<i>-130</i>	<i>-111</i>
2025 - Upper Secondary after country discount	\$ 3345	\$ 2843	\$ 2342	\$ 1756	\$ 1405	\$ 1171	\$ 1004

Note: the above figures have been reported without decimals.

Schools Qualifying as Country Discount

St Joseph's School, Atherton
St Michael's School, Gordonvale
Mount St Bernard College, Herberton

St Clare's School, Tully
Good Counsel Primary School, Innisfail
St Joseph's Parish School, Weipa

Good Counsel College, Innisfail

In addition to the above schools this Tuition Fee Schedule applies to:

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlville
St Thomas' School, Mareeba
Mother of Good Counsel School, North Cairns
St Joseph's School, Parramatta Park
St Augustine's College, Cairns

St Therese's School, Bentley Park
Holy Cross School, Trinity Park
St Stephen's Catholic College, Mareeba
St Gerard Majella School, Woree
St Monica's College, Cairns
St Mary's Catholic College, Woree
St Francis Xavier's School, Manunda

St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch
MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter
Newman Catholic College, Smithfield