



St Mary & St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College *"In Whom are hidden all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge" (Colossians 2:3)*

College Fees – 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

By God's grace and through the intercessions of our patron saints, St Mary and St Mina, our once-small College has continued to grow and flourish into a reputable College that provides academic excellence, sporting success and extracurricular opportunities for its students. The 2022 academic year concluded with the College being recognised and ranked as a top-performing HSC co-educational college within the St George Area and the highest proportion of students entering tertiary studies in 2023. The fact that success was realised across all faculties is even more pleasing, as it demonstrates the College's comprehensive and inclusive approach to education.

As the College looks forward to 2023, the main change and the most anticipated development in the history of the College will be the opening of the new Senior Campus in Rockdale. The campus is nothing less than a masterpiece within educational circles and will provide a dynamic teaching and learning environment. Please click the link for an exclusive look at the rooms and resources the new campus will offer our students. [SMSM New Senior Campus Showcase](#). The expected opening date is Friday 27 January 2023, for the orientation of Year 7 and new families. The College will write to all families by Friday 20 January 2023 with specific dates and details of the return for senior students in 2023. It is also with great pleasure that the College is able to inform the College community that many year groups have now reached capacity, and as such, Years 7-10 will be grouped into TWO streams. It is a privilege for students and families to be part of such an exclusive group. Waitlists will continue to be managed carefully over the coming years.

With the movement of senior students back to the Rockdale campus, rooms in the primary campus have now opened, and will be fitted out for specialist STEM and Library rooms. The primary campus will revert to using the Hall for assemblies, afternoon pick-up groups, and other co-curricular activities. In addition, breakaway rooms will also be used for Learning Support, Gifted and Talented groups, Occupation Therapy and Counselling sessions. There will also be upgrades and improvements to sporting and playground equipment on the primary campus.

In the coming years, the College will invest a substantial amount of time and money in Professional Development for the staff as the College negotiates the changes brought about due to the new curriculum. In line with the newly devised strategic plan, time and money will also be set aside to assist with innovative educational experiences that will provide our students with the necessary skills to cope with the ever-changing world that lies ahead.

With a slight increase in the fees in 2023, our priorities rest with striving to meet our educational responsibilities towards our student's benefit and extend every dollar to its maximum use through careful financial management, staffing and use of facilities and resources. College fees remain within the lower scale of comparable independent schools, oftentimes lower than some denominational schools of similar size.

In 2023, families will have the option to pay over 4 payments in the hope that this will alleviate some financial stress. The activities levy will also cover all excursions/incursions pertaining to mandatory subjects from kindergarten to Year 10 ONLY. Specialist and elective subject fees and excursion costs may still apply where applicable.



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To maintain its Federal and State funding category, St Mary & St Mina's College, like all independent schools receiving Government funding, is required to assist towards Funding via the effective collection of college fees. Therefore, it is important that all families abide by the schedule and dates set below. The fee structure is outlined in the table below and to assist families with more than one child, the generous discount will continue as follows:

Number of children at the College	Discount for each child
1	Full fees (No discount)
2	20% off tuition fees
3	35% off tuition fees
4 or more	100% off tuition fees

Note: college camps are included in the Activity fees for 2023

All families will have **THREE** options to choose from to pay college fees. These options are outlined below.

Option 1: Early Payment Incentive

Please note that a discount applies to the Tuition Fees only:

- Any family who chooses to pay the total college fees in advance will receive an (8% discount). The discount will apply to the tuition fees only and **FULL** payment **MUST** be received prior to **Friday 10 February 2023**. Please note, for the sake of transparency and fairness to all, that no extension will be granted past this date.

Option 2: Instalment Payment Schedule

Instalment payment is undertaken four times a year as outlined below. Please note that fee payments are required a term in advance in Term 1 and will continue to be payable by the second Friday of Term 2, 3 and 4 2023.

Tuition Fees & Activities Fees 2023			
<u>Instalment 1</u>	<u>Instalment 2</u>	<u>Instalment 3</u>	<u>Instalment 4</u>
Friday 10th February 2023	Friday 5th May 2023	Friday 28th July 2023	Friday 20th October 2023

A Late Payment penalty applies to all Full Fee, including Activities Fees:

Outstanding balances on all college fees will be referred to the College Debt Collector and incur a 10% Collection Fee.

Option 3: Payment Plan agreement via EDstart

This option will allow families to pay the fees over a 9-month period, January – September. This option will incur an administration fee and a fee for any dishonoured payments. Any family that wishes to take this option must visit edstart.com.au and complete an online application form prior to **the commencement of the 2023 academic year**.

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Families facing financial hardship and seeking assistance with the Tuition fees must complete and return a [Financial Questionnaire Form 2023](#) with all attached documents and return to the college by **Friday 27 January 2023** for review and assessment. Personal circumstances change each year, and this process must be undertaken annually. Therefore, any families currently on a Financial Assistance Arrangement must not assume that it will carry over to 2023 but rather complete the process by the set date.

SMSM College Fees 2023

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Tuition Fees	\$2,609	\$2,836	\$2,892	\$3,289	\$3,403	\$3,403	\$3,516
Activities Fees	\$851	\$851	\$907	\$1,124	\$1,179	\$1,792	\$1,792
Total	\$3,460	\$3,687	\$3,799	\$4,413	\$4,582	\$5,194	\$5,308

	7	8	9	10	11	12
Tuition Fees	\$4,120	\$4,237	\$4,355	\$4,473	\$4,943	\$5,049
Activities Fees	\$2,572	\$2,494	\$2,478	\$2,640	\$1,964	\$1,964
Mandatory Food/ Tech Levy	\$120	\$220				
Total	\$6,812	\$6,951	\$6,833	\$7,113	\$6,907	\$7,013

As the College has concluded our building plans for the senior campus and look to upgrade the primary campus, we encourage all families to give generously towards the future of our college via the building fund. Building Fund donations will be spent specifically and only on Capital works, maintenance of property and investment in Information Technology resources that will benefit our existing students and families.

**Building Fund Levy is \$225 annually for one child or \$300 per family (No increase for 14 consecutive years)
The Building Fund is a Tax-Deductible donation.**

The College is grateful, blessed and humbled to serve our children and community. Through the hard work and commitment of staff, students, and families the College will continue to be a safe haven for excellence in learning and nurturing that is underpinned by the core values of respect and integrity. Please continue to support our blessed College by meeting your financial obligations promptly by all due dates as only in this manner is the College able to provide your children with the best quality, all rounded education that is possible.

God bless,

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