



St Mary & St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College

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SMSM College Fees 2024

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.

As the College looks forward to 2024, our state-of-the-art Senior College campus has been in operation for one year. Our two-streamed senior college is flourishing and almost at capacity of 300 students.

Our Junior College is now undergoing staged refurbishment to transfer classrooms from Parish-owned Heritage building to the College-owned building. The purpose of the project is:

- To create clearer delineations between Parish and College premises;
- To better optimise existing under-utilised College-owned spaces; and
- To upgrade and refurbish existing Junior College classrooms & facilities.

In the coming years, the College will continue to 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 2024, 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 2024, families will have the option to pay College Fees over 3 instalments 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.

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 and mandatory excursions/incursions are included in the Activity fees for 2024



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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 Tuition fees **ONLY** and **FULL** payment **MUST** be received prior to **Friday 9th February 2024**. 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 three 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 and 3 2024.

First Instalment	Second Instalment	Third Instalment
Friday 9 th February 2024	Friday 17 th May 2024	Friday 2 nd August 2024

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 2024 academic year**.



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	Tuition Fees	Activities Fees	Total College Fees
KG	\$ 2,817.00	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 3,841.00
Year 1	\$ 3,062.00	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 4,086.00
Year 2	\$ 3,124.00	\$ 1,084.00	\$ 4,208.00
Year 3	\$ 3,552.00	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 4,876.00
Year 4	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 1,384.00	\$ 5,059.00
Year 5	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 2,023.00	\$ 5,698.00
Year 6	\$ 3,797.00	\$ 2,023.00	\$ 5,820.00
Year 7	\$ 4,669.00	\$ 2,873.00	\$ 7,542.00
Year 8	\$ 4,796.00	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 7,621.00
Year 9	\$ 4,703.00	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 7,553.00
Year 10	\$ 4,830.00	\$ 2,840.00	\$ 7,670.00
Year 11	\$ 5,338.00	\$ 2,121.00	\$ 7,459.00
Year 12	\$ 5,453.00	\$ 2,121.00	\$ 7,574.00

To assist our College to continue improving building facilities 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 15 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,

Anthony Deans
Acting Head of College