



St Mary & St Mina's Coptic Orthodox College

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College Fees - 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of St Mary and St Mina's College,

By the grace of God and blessings of our Patron Saints, St Mary and St Mina, as a college community consisting of staff, students and families, we have managed to unite together to overcome the many challenges that 2020 presented us with by still keeping our students safe and well, achieving wonderful HSC results and continued growth and prosperity for our college. Whilst 2020 is a year that many of us wish to put behind us, it has taught us so many skills and values such as resilience, patience and placing our trust in the Lord, virtues that we will take with us for the many years to come.

Looking forward to 2021, we expect this to be a transitional year consisting of even more changes, vision, and success as we commence the renovation of the Senior Campus and continue to introduce improvement strategies across K - 12.

In the coming year we will invest a substantial amount of time and money in the Professional Development for our staff as we drive forward with our strategic intention to improve the learning standards for all our students. Taking advantage of a combined K -12 campus in 2021, our specialist Senior English staff, who have achieved amazing HSC results, will play a vital role in gathering data from Standardised Testing and NESAs information to identifying areas in the earlier stages that need our urgent attention. All rooms in the Primary campus will be fitted out with the latest smart boards, fostering a greater emphasis on the incorporation of ICT in the delivery of the school curriculum. These small but effective changes will allow for more accessibility to up-to-date teaching strategies and for more interaction with students and parents.

With a slight increase in the school fees, 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, thereby ensuring that our College fees remain within the lower scale of the comparable Independent schools, oftentimes lower than some Catholic schools of similar size.

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 school's fees, and 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 school	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: School camps are included in the Activity fees for 2021



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Commencing 2021, families will have **THREE** option to choose from for the payment of the 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 school fees in advance, will receive an (8% discount). The discount will apply to the tuition fee only full payment **MUST** be received in full prior to **Friday 12th February 2021**. Please note, for the sake of transparency and fairness to all, that no extension will be offered 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 2021.

Tuition Fee & Activities Levy 2021		
<u>Instalment 1</u>	<u>Instalment 2</u>	<u>Instalment 3</u>
Friday 12th February 2021	Friday 14th May 2021	Friday 23rd July 2021

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

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

Option 3: Payment Plan agreement

Commencing 2021 families will be able to enter into a Payment Plan agreement via (Edstart) - . This option will provide families with the flexibility to pay the fees over a 9month period January – September. This option will incur an 3% administration fee as well as a fee for any payments that are dishonored. Any family that wishes to take this option must visit edstart.com.au and complete an online application form prior to **Tuesday 19/01/2021**.

Families that may be facing financial hardship and are seeking assistance with the Tuition fees must complete and return a [Financial Questionnaire Form 2021](#) it with all attached documentation and returned to the school by **Thursday 28th January 2021** 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 2021 but rather complete the process by the set date.



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School Fees	\$2,300.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,900.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,100.00
Activity	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$900.00	\$950.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,950.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,600.00

	7	8	9	10	11	12
School Fees	\$3,500.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,800.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,290.00
Activity	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Total	\$5,500.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,700.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,900.00	\$5,990.00

As we commence our building plans for the senior campus in 2021, 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.

We are blessed and grateful to have our College serve our children and community. Through the hard work and commitment of our staff, students, and families we will continue to build a College that is underpinned by our core values of respect and integrity and unique and nurturing for all. We ask all parents to please continue to support our blessed College by meeting your financial obligation promptly by all due dates as only in this manner are we able to provide our children with the best quality, all rounded education that is possible.

God bless,

Francois David

Head of College, on behalf of the NSW Coptic Education Board

23rd December 2020