

The Catholic Education Commission sets school Tuition and Building Fund fees for all ACT Catholic Schools annually. As well as these payments, the School Community Council of St Thomas Aquinas determine additional operating fees. The following tables show the school fees payable for 2020 for families with one to three children. Fourth, and subsequent children, are not charged fees.

| 2020 Fees - Full Fee-Paying Students |                          |  |                 |               |                    |                        |                   |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|
|                                      | Building<br>Fund<br>Year | <b>Term 1</b><br>(includes<br>Book Pack) | Terms<br>2 to 4 | Year<br>Total | Monthly<br>Payment | Fortnightly<br>Payment | Weekly<br>Payment |  |
| 1 Child                              | \$712                    | \$864                                    | \$739           | \$3793        | \$316.08           | \$145.88               | \$72.94           |  |
| 2 Children                           | \$0                      | \$1507                                   | \$1257          | \$4828        | \$402.33           | \$185.69               | \$92.85           |  |
| 3 Children                           | \$0                      | \$1893                                   | \$1518          | \$6447        | \$537.25           | \$247.96               | \$123.98          |  |

| 2020 Fees – Sibling Discount Rate – Building Fund Paid at High School<br>(*Sibling Discount – applies if there is an older sibling at Catholic systemic high school) |                          |        |                 |               |                    |                        |                   |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|
|  | Building<br>Fund<br>Year | Term 1 | Terms<br>2 to 4 | Year<br>Total | Monthly<br>Payment | Fortnightly<br>Payment | Weekly<br>Payment |  |
| 1 Child  | \$0                      | \$784  | \$659           | \$2761        | \$239,987          | \$106.19               | \$53.10           |  |
| 2 Children   | \$0                      | \$1249 | \$999           | \$4246        | \$353.83           | \$163.31               | \$81.65           |  |
| 3 Children   | \$0                      | \$1635 | \$1260          | \$5415        | \$451.25           | \$208.27               | \$104.13          |  |

School Fees cover the following:

**Catholic Education Office Fees:** A percentage of tuition fee collections is remitted to the Catholic Education Office (CE) and paid to CE each term.

- Tuition Fee: This fee supports the cost of schools, system staffing, programs and related costs.
- **Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (CCSBF):** The CCSBF is a voluntary, tax-deductible building fund which provides funds to go towards school maintenance and refurbishment costs, new schools, building insurances etc.

## The St Thomas Aquinas School Levy includes:

- **Operating Fee:** This fees covers the costs associated with running the school and includes cleaning, electricity, phone, mowing, waste disposal, loan repayments, administration costs, office stationery, etc.
- *ICT Levy:* This fee covers the cost of digital technology in the classrooms and library and includes chrome books, iPads, interactive whiteboards and 3D printing.
- *Maintenance Levy:* This fee includes daily building and grounds maintenance.
- Art & Craft Levy: This fee covers additional art and craft supplies which are not covered by the Book Pack.

- **Fundraising Levy:** The school's main fundraising income is generated from our Annual Fete. As an alternative to running lots of different fundraising activities throughout the year, families also contribute a small amount each term to support the School Community Council's (SCC) funding of school resources. For example, playground equipment, landscaping etc.
- **Book Pack Levy**: This levy is charged in Term 1 only. This fee covers software licence fees, stationery, text materials, classroom paper and sundry items purchased for the children and the classes. The Book Pack levy for 2020 is \$125 per child from Kindergarten to Year 6.
- **Excursion/Performance Fee:** covers excursions, special school activities, Book Week guests, visiting performers, and costs of St Thomas Aquinas athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals

## **Additional Expenses:**

- **Camps Year 5 and 6:** Students in Year 5 and Year 6 will also have the annual school camp added to their fees in Term 1 Only. In 2020 this will be \$322 for Year 5 and \$350 for Year 6
- Other additional expenses may include additional sporting events; excursions; camps; and other additional items that are not part of school fees.

## **PAYMENT OF FEES**

Fees may be paid annually, by term, month, fortnight or weekly, preferably by BPay, Direct Debit or Credit Card. Please contact the school early in Term 1 to discuss your fee situation if you wish to pay by instalments or would like to discuss fee relief.

| Catholic Education Office Fees<br>Breakdown by Term   | 1<br>Child<br>Total | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Child | 2<br>Children<br>Total | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Child | 3<br>Children<br>Total |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Tuition Fee – without Sibling Discount<br>Tuition Fee – with Sibling Discount<br>(applies if there is an older sibling at a Catholic<br>systemic high school) | \$400<br>*\$320     | \$120                    | \$520<br>*\$440        | \$80                     | \$600<br>*\$520        |
| Catholic Church School Building Fund<br>Per Family  | \$178               | \$0                      | \$178                  | \$0                      | \$178                  |
| <b>CE Sub-Total</b> – without Sibling Discount<br><b>CE Sub-Total –</b> with Sibling Discount   | \$578<br>*\$320     |                          | \$698<br>*\$440        |                          | \$778<br>*\$520        |
| St Thomas Aquinas School Levies<br>Breakdown by Term  | 1<br>Child<br>Total | 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Child | 2<br>Children<br>Total | 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Child | 3<br>Children<br>Total |
| Operating Levy  | \$220               | \$101                    | \$321                  | \$62                     | \$383                  |
| ICT   | \$50                | \$50                     | \$100                  | \$50                     | \$150                  |
| Performance   | \$26                | \$26                     | \$52                   | \$26                     | \$78                   |
| Maintenance   | \$20                | \$20                     | \$40                   | \$20                     | \$60                   |
| Art & Craft   | \$8                 | \$8                      | \$16                   | \$8                      | \$24                   |
| Fundraising   | \$15                | \$15                     | \$30                   | \$15                     | \$45                   |
| Book Pack (Term 1 Only)   | \$125               | \$125                    | \$250                  | \$125                    | \$375                  |
| STA Sub-Total without Sibling Discount<br>STA Sub-Total with *Sibling Discount  | \$864<br>*\$784     |                          | \$1329                 |                          | \$1715                 |
| Total Fees without Sibling Discount<br>Total Fee with *Sibling Discount   | \$1042<br>*\$784    |                          | \$1507                 |                          | \$1893                 |