



# St Clare's Catholic High School

*A Catholic school of excellence and improvement*

## **ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2018 - Diocesan and School Based Fees**

Total School Fees are expressed in terms of both 'Diocesan' and 'School-based' fees. The revenue gained from these fees allows us to provide the following services, which will enhance Teaching and Learning in our school and is passed on to your sons and daughters in quality education and care.

**DIOCESAN FEES** are set by, and collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and are passed on to the Catholic Education Office. They are directed towards supplementing Commonwealth and State Grants (which covers around 80% of the running costs of the schools) for the payments of teachers' salaries, general running costs associated with the school and the administration of the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta.

Please note that sibling reductions for Diocesan School Fees only apply to those children attending Systemic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta and St Dominic's at Kingswood or Systemic Schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney and Diocese of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S 'SCHOOL-BASED FEES'** (2018) include:

**Resource / Subject Fee** One School Planner per year (replacement copies - \$20), one identification card (replacement cost - \$11), photocopying, exam papers, teacher texts, IT upgrades, school notes, postage, utilities, library books, cleaning costs, maintenance, SMS Messaging and Hot Maths / Maths Online where applicable.

TAS and Art Equipment (Yrs 7 & 8), Elective Subject Costs (Yrs 9 & 10).

**Activity Fee** Covers most Sports / Activities and Electives excursion costs. The entrance to venues on sports day and payment for extra-curricular sporting / activities. All bus fares to and from local sporting venues and some local excursion bus fares.

**Additional charges** The following will be billed in addition to the above:

- Year 7 and Year 8 Camp will be billed in instalment 1;
- Year 9 Overnight Retreat will be billed in instalment 2
- Year 7 Swimming program will be billed in instalment 3.

Textbooks if required for any subject are not included in the above fees and are to be purchased by the individual on an as needs basis.

As a school community we have sought cost savings and total fees were reduced by between 1% to 5 % per student for 2017. This was in spite of Diocesan fees increasing 3% last year. For 2018 Diocesan fees and School Based fees have increased 3.6% compared to 2017. School Based fees remain lower than those charged in 2016 and Total Fees over two years for most families have increased between 0% and 3%.

Where school fees present a genuine difficulty, information on payment plans and fee assistance programs is available from the School Finance Office on 9830 2400 (select option 2).

The following table shows a breakdown of the 2018 Diocesan School Fees and St Clare’s School-based Fees. These fees are divided into three equal instalment amounts. Payment is due 28 days from the Statement date unless an arrangement is made with the Finance Team and approved by the Business Manager. Payment for the first instalment of 2018 fees is due approximately 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 and will be posted out approximately mid February 2018.

(Overdue accounts may be referred to a Collection agency as instructed by the Catholic Education Office.)

**ANNUAL FEES (2018)**

<b>Payable Items</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Child in a systemic school</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Child in a systemic school</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Child in a systemic school</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Child (or more) in a systemic school</b>
<i>Yrs 7 &amp; 8 Diocesan School Fees</i>	\$2100	\$1575	\$1050	\$0
<i>Diocesan Building Levy (first child only)</i>	\$783	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>St Clare’s Catholic High School’s School-based fees (details below)</i>	\$885	\$885	\$885	\$885
<b>Total For Years 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>\$3768.00</b>	<b>\$2460.00</b>	<b>\$1935.00</b>	<b>\$885.00</b>

<i>Yrs 9 &amp; 10 Diocesan School Fees</i>	\$2331	\$1749	\$1167	\$0
<i>Diocesan Building Levy (first child only)</i>	\$783	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>St Clare’s Catholic High School’s School-based fees (details below)</i>	\$966	\$966	\$966	\$966
<b>Total For Years 9 &amp; 10</b>	<b>\$4084.00</b>	<b>\$2720.00</b>	<b>\$2061.00</b>	<b>\$936.00</b>

	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>Years 9 &amp; 10</b>
Resource Fee encompassing Technology Fee & Subject Fees	\$672.00 per annum	\$753.00 per annum
Activity Fee including Sport and Local Excursion / Incursion Fee	\$213.00 per annum	\$213.00 per annum
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$885.00 per annum</b>	<b>\$966.00 per annum</b>

**In addition to the Year Group Totals the following will be billed:**

- Year 7 Camp - \$288 (Billed with first instalment of 2018 fees.)
- Year 8 Camp - \$288 (Billed with first instalment of 2018 fees.)
- Year 9 Retreat - \$251 (Billed with second instalment of 2018 fees.)
- Year 7 Swim to Survive program \$60 (Billed with third instalment of 2018 fees.)