



## St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Bega

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Patrick's, school fees are set each year by the Community Council and Catholic Education for our Archdiocese.

Fees Statements are broken down into three sections. The first is the **NSW Primary Family Tuition Fee**, which is set by the Catholic Education Office in Canberra. This fee is used to pay the system operating costs including staff salaries, professional development, school resource programmes and other special needs programmes.

The second section of our fees is the **School Resource Fee** which is set by the Community Council. This fee funds the operating and maintenance costs of the school, including the wages for the school's groundsman and cleaner as well as meeting our costs with electricity, rates, building maintenance and the management of gardens and play areas.

The third section of the fees is the **Student Resource Fee** and this covers the costs of all items supplied by the school and used by students including such things as exercise and text books, pens and pencils, photocopy paper and craft materials.

### St Patrick's Primary School Bega Fee Schedule for 2023

Fee	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
CEO Tuition Fee (per term, per family)	\$357.00		
School Resource Fee (per term, per family)	\$300.00		
Student Resource Fee (per term, per student)	\$103.00	\$103.00	\$103.00
<b>Family total per term</b>	<b>\$760.00</b>	<b>\$863.00</b>	<b>\$966.00</b>

### St Patrick's Primary School Bega Fee Schedule for 2023 with siblings attending Lumen Christi Catholic College

The CEO Tuition Fee 50% discount applies to the eldest Primary child where they have an elder sibling in a **Systemic Secondary School, Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula.**

Fee	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
CEO Tuition Fee (per term, per family)	\$178.50		
School Resource Fee (per term, per family)	\$300.00		
Student Resource Fee (per term, per student)	\$103.00	\$103	\$103
<b>Family total per term</b>	<b>\$581.50</b>	<b>\$684.50</b>	<b>\$787.50</b>

The total costs depend on how many children you have attending St Patrick's.

For a 4th or subsequent child attending St Patrick's Primary or Lumen Christi Secondary School, there is no charge for the CEO Tuition Fee. The Student and School Resource Fees are required as they purchase the items needed for class work and help meet the costs of performances, local excursions and running costs of the school itself.

A family arrangement for fee billing purposes is deemed to exist where an adult with parental responsibility has signed all enrolment forms and either a sibling relationship exists or the child and adult with parental responsibility reside predominately at the same address.

## **PAYMENT OF FEES**

St Patrick's relies on prompt payment of fees to meet commitments to our creditors. A number of payment methods are available. Payments made in instalments (that don't cover fees in full before the due date) must be arranged and approved by the school. Please contact the Office on 6492 5500 if you need to make an instalment arrangement.

## **QKR!**

Qkr! is a secure online payment platform by MasterCard that allows fast and easy fee payments. Qkr! can be accessed via your phone, computer, or tablet, at a time that suits you. Download Qkr! from the Play or App store or sign up via the Qkr! web-shop on your computer. More information about Qkr! is available from the website. <https://qkr.mastercard.com>

## **Direct Debit**

Forms are available from the St Patrick's office. It is the responsibility of families with direct debit arrangements to ensure their payments cover the obligations for school fees prior to the end of the school year. Direct Debits can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly, as directed by the parent/guardian.

## **BPAY**

A lump sum payment can be made using our BPAY facility. The BPAY Biller Code and Reference number are found on the bottom left hand side of your fee statement.

If you are currently experiencing financial difficulties, please make contact with the school office. Please remember that if we don't know your circumstances, we are not in a position to provide assistance. Applications for fee concessions are managed by the Principal in a confidential and sensitive nature.

When there is a failure to communicate with the office over a difficulty to meet your commitment to pay, the matter will be forwarded to an outside collection agency for follow-up.

Kind regards,



**Jo Scott-Pegum**  
**Principal**

## **CHANGE TO PAYMENT METHODS IN 2023**

In line with Catholic Education, the school will be transferring to a new finance system as of May 1, 2023. Further communication regarding payment options for the new finance system will be provided during Term 1, 2023.