



FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Catholic schools charge fees and levies to cover the recurrent and capital costs related to the provision of high quality, inclusive Catholic education. Our College determines fees in accordance with the recommendations of Brisbane Catholic Education and in consultation with the College Board to ensure that the financial commitments and operating costs of the College can be met. It is a matter of justice to all that every family makes a fair contribution to the financial operation of our College. Balancing the financial needs of the College with the social justice principles of access and equity for all is our priority.

Southern Cross Catholic College seeks to provide the best and most affordable education and opportunities we can for our students. The excursions, camps, co-curricular programs and other activities provided by the College to enrich the educational experience of our students are largely funded by parent fees. Accordingly, we rely on parents and care-givers to make timely fee payments so that we can provide these important experiences to your children.

Fee Payment Options

On enrolling at the College, all families undertake responsibility to pay our fees in full by the due date each term. To help our fees fit into family budgets, we are also happy to accept payment arrangements where families make regular Direct Debit or BPay payments to their fee accounts. **However, these arrangements need to ensure that school fees are paid in full by the end of Term 4 each year.**

The College Leadership Team is sensitive to the fact that the financial circumstances of families can change radically and suddenly. Where an account cannot be settled by the due date, please contact the Finance team at 3480 3643 or Mrs Nicole Banfield on nbanfield@bne.catholic.edu.au to confidentially discuss alternative payment arrangements. Families experiencing significant, long term financial hardship may be eligible for assistance through the College reducing its standard fees (fee concession) for that family. We do ask, however, that parents/care-givers contact the College as soon as a potential problem in paying fees is identified.

Fee payment options include:

- **Direct Debit Arrangement**
The College strongly encourages parents to pay fees by direct debit. A Direct Debit Request form is available on the College website.
- **BPay**
Each family fee account has a BPay logo and biller code information in the top right hand corner.
- **Credit Cards**
The College accepts Visa and Mastercard fee payments either by telephone to our Finance Office (07 3480 3643 or 3480 3634) or in person at the reception area of each of our four campuses. Credit card payments can also be processed through our BPoint portal (refer "Quick Links" tab on our College website and then select "Pay school fees").
- **CentrePay**
A CentrePay arrangement allows families to arrange school fee deductions to be made from their fortnightly family allowance or other payments they receive from CentreLink. Application forms to set up a CentrePay arrangement are available from the College Finance Office.
- **Cash**
Cash payments are only able to be made in person at the reception area of your child's campus.