

St Mary's Diocesan School

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Important Notice – Base Fees for 2017

At the November 2016 Board of Proprietors meeting, the Board reviewed and considered various options for the fees structure for 2017.

We are very conscious of the burden placed on some families when fees increase and in 2016 we maintained the base fees at their 2015 rate. In order for the Board to maintain the Special Character of the school, and furnish increased wages and running costs, the Board reluctantly have had to increase the base fees for next year.

The Board of Trustees have confirmed that they will be maintaining the 2016 Activity and Information Technology Donation at \$350.00 for the 2017 year.

Below is the fee information for 2017 including information on which contributions may qualify for a tax rebate.

The table attached breaks down the minimum payments required if paying per term, per monthly instalment, or per week, to aid you with your budgeting for the year. Please note these fees are a per annum cost and we are happy for you to pay these in a lump sum up front, or termly, monthly, fortnightly or per week.

FEE INFORMATION 2017

Attendance Dues (All Students)

The Attendance Dues as per Gazetted by the Ministry of Education for 2017.

Attendance Dues ¹ (GST inclusive)	\$750.00
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Day Girl Fees – per year

General Special Character Contribution ² (zero rated for GST purposes)	\$1,866.00
Building Development Contribution ³ (zero rated for GST purposes)	\$54.60
Service Payment - Lunches and morning teas for Day Girls ⁴ (GST inclusive)	\$1,494.00
Activity and Information Technology Donation ⁵	\$350.00
TOTAL (inc GST where applicable)	\$3,764.60

Weekly, Full and Part Boarder Fees – per year

	Weekly Boarders	Full Boarders	2 nights / 3 Day Girl	3 nights / 2 Day Girl
Boarding Fee (GST inclusive)	\$10,514.32	\$11,586.75	\$6,312.41	\$7,713.04
Building Development Contribution ³ (zero rated for GST purposes)	\$327.60	\$382.20	\$163.80	\$218.40
Activity and Information Technology Donation ⁵	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
TOTAL (inc GST where applicable)	\$11,191.92	\$12,318.95	\$6,826.21	\$8,281.44

Attendance Dues¹

These are charged in accordance with the Private Schools' Conditional Integration Act 1975. Attendance Dues can be used only for Ministry approved property and Integration related costs.

General Special Character Contribution²

This contribution is collected by the Proprietors in accordance with the goals and objectives of the St Mary's Diocesan Integration Agreement and the St Mary's Diocesan School Charter, both of which support the Special Character of the School. The Day Girl General Special Character Contribution includes:

- The upkeep of our school Chapel and chapel resources
- The provision of extra pastoral care by way of a Chaplain
- Holistic Christian education supported by Religious Education lessons, and Religious Education experiences
- Extra Arts and Music including House Music

Building Development Contribution³

At the time of integration, the State inherited the use of our buildings, equipment and technology, the maintenance of which cannot be totally funded by the Government's Operations Grant, but remains an ongoing obligation for the St Mary's Diocesan Board of Proprietors.

Service Payment - Lunches and Morning Teas for Day Girls⁴

Eating together builds the relationships that are at the heart of our school culture. For day girls, the service payment covers the Dining room costs including daily morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea in the school dining room, St Mary's Day feast, Christmas Dinner and Carol Service, and whole school hangi. For this reason all day girls are expected to participate. The cost for this service is \$1,494.00 per year.

Activity and Information Technology Donation⁵

Throughout the year the Board of Trustees provides activities and opportunities over and above the funding received from the Government for the education of your daughter. This donation is appreciated to support teaching and learning in our classrooms.

To avoid duplication of invoicing and for cost saving reasons the Activity and Information Technology Donation for use by the Board of Trustees is collected by the Board of Proprietors who then transfer payments across to the integrated school.

Contributions 2, 3, and 5 may qualify for a tax refund. A Tax Donation Certificate will be issued after the end of March each year. These contributions do not contain GST.

OTHER COSTS

Induction

On confirmation of Enrolment a payment of \$250.00 is required to cover the costs of the induction programme including accommodation and meal costs for the New Girl's Overnight Stay for all incoming Year 9 students.

Disbursements

These are charged throughout the month and are payable by the 20th of the ensuing month. You will have time between the receipt of the statement and the 20th of the month to advise if any corrections will need to be made.

A monthly account can include:

- Exeat Travel as required by individuals
- Personal Items stationery, prescriptions, chemist supplies, uniform, stamps - as purchased by the girls
- Boarder Medical Fees, Outings, Concerts, etc as taken by individuals;
- Daily bus transport for day girls to and from school and part and weekly boarders as required.

Any charges for school camps and activities must be paid prior to your daughter partaking in that activity. An information letter and permission slip detailing costs will be sent out prior to the event. This is a Board of Trustees Charge and payment must be made either directly in to their bank account or by return with the permission slip.

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DETAIL OF BASE FEE SCHEDULE 2017

BOARD OF PROPRIETORS	Day Girl	Weekly Boarders	Full Boarders	2 nights / 3 Day Girl	3 nights / 2 Day Girl
Attendance Dues ¹ (GST inclusive)	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Boarding Fee / Service Payment (GST inclusive)	\$1,494.00	\$10,514.32	\$11,586.75	\$6,312.41	\$7,713.04
General Special Character Contribution ² (zero rated for GST purposes)	\$1,866.00	Not Applicable			
Building Development Contribution ³ (zero rated for GST purposes)	\$54.60	\$327.60	\$382.20	\$163.80	\$218.40
BOP TOTAL (inc GST where applicable)	\$4,164.60	\$11,591.92	\$12,718.95	\$7,226.21	\$8,681.44

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Activity and Information Technology Donation ⁵	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
TOTAL PER ANNUM (inc GST where applicable)	\$4,514.60	\$11,941.92	\$13,068.95	\$7,576.21	\$9,031.44

INVOICING OF FEES: Our preference is for fees to be paid per term at the beginning of the term. However you may wish to pay via 10 monthly instalments payable 20th of the month starting with instalment 1 being due on the 20th January. Alternatively you may wish to set up a weekly automatic payment.

If opting to pay by weekly automatic payments please note that the minimum weekly payments are as follows, and all automatic payments must continue through any school holidays.

TOTAL PER TERM	\$1,128.65	\$2,985.48	\$3,267.24	\$1,894.05	\$2,257.86
10 MONTHLY INSTALMENTS	\$451.46	\$1,194.19	\$1,306.90	\$757.62	\$903.14
Minimum Weekly payment : Over 52 weeks (based on payments starting prior to the 20 December 2016 and continuing for 52 weeks)	\$87.00	\$230.00	\$252.00	\$146.00	\$174.00

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS. If you wish to make automatic payments, details are as follows:

Bank: TSB

Branch: Stratford

Account Name: St Mary's School Incorporated

Account Number: 15-3947-0271552-000

Reference: Student's Name and Payers Name

Please also note that a penalty equating to one terms fees will apply if you are withdrawing your daughter from school and have not advised this in writing to the Principal at least a term in advance.