



# ANTONIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## FEE INFORMATION 2022

*Everyone matters.... and matters absolutely!*

## FEE STRUCTURE AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2022

Catholic Education South Australia endeavours to support families at all times and, particularly, during the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic is presenting.

With that in mind, the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools has announced that it will make Catholic education more accessible and affordable by lowering the school fees of every Catholic parish primary school in the state in 2021 and continuing that same low fee for 2022, under its *Making Catholic Education more Affordable* initiative.

At Antonio Catholic School we are committed to affordable fees that enable us to deliver a high quality education that is accessible to all. We assure families with the fee reduction there will be no compromise on the quality of your child's education.

School Fee Structure 2022			
	1 child	2 children	3 or more children
<b>Full fees</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$4,070</b>	<b>\$5,610</b>
<b>Lower income fees</b>	<b>\$1,320</b>	<b>\$2,442</b>	<b>\$3,366</b>

Repayment options			
FULL FEES			
Weekly x 40	\$55.00	\$101.75	\$140.25
Fortnightly x 20	\$110.00	\$203.50	\$280.50
Monthly x 10	\$220.00	\$407.00	\$561.00
Instalments x 3	\$735.00	\$1,357.00	\$1,870.00
Instalments x 4	\$550.00	\$1,017.50	\$1,402.50
Weekly x 52	\$42.35	\$78.30	\$107.90
Fortnightly x 26	\$84.65	\$156.55	\$215.80
Total fees payable by 28/2/22	\$2,090.00	\$3,866.50	\$5,329.50

Repayment options			
LOWER INCOME FEES			
Weekly x 40	\$33.00	\$61.05	\$84.15
Fortnightly x 20	\$66.00	\$122.10	\$168.30
Monthly x 10	\$132.00	\$244.20	\$336.60
Instalments x 3	\$440.00	\$814.00	\$1,122.00
Instalments x 4	\$330.00	\$610.50	\$841.50
Weekly x 52	\$25.40	\$47.00	\$64.75
Fortnightly x 26	\$50.80	\$94.00	\$129.50
Total fees payable by 28/2/22	\$1,254.00	\$2,319.90	\$3,197.70

### **When will I be billed?**

The full year's fees is billed in January 2022 and a statement showing these fees will be forwarded to all families early in Term 1. Further statements will be issued at the start of each term. Children/siblings starting in Term 3, will be billed at that time. Sibling discounts apply to the second and third children as listed above.

### **What options are available to pay school fees?**

Under the Terms of Enrolment Agreement signed by all enrolling parents/caregivers, payment of the school fees charged is expected. We offer a range of payment options to assist families in paying fees in a way that matches their household budget. Accounts can be paid via our preferred options of direct debit authority; credit card authority; B-Pay; direct deposit or via the Qkr app. Payments can also be made in office by cash, EFTPOS or cheque.

### **What other fees and charges may I expect to be charged in 2022?**

Costs associated with camps, excursions/incursions, senior polo tops, sport carnivals and other optional activities can vary each year and therefore be invoiced separately and costs are not covered by school fees.

### **What discounts are available?**

#### Sibling discount

Sibling discount of 7.5% for 2 children, or 15% for 3 or more children attending Antonio has been included in the school fee structure 2022 table.

#### South Australian Government School Card scheme

*See final page for more details.*

#### Families experience financial difficulty

It is preferable for all fees to be paid when they are due however, if you are unable to pay by the due date or have difficulty in making payments, families are encouraged to complete the "Application for Reduced Fees" form and make an appointment with the Principal, bringing with them proof of combined taxable income for the prior year. The documents can include Centrelink income statement, documentation from Centrelink showing assessable income for Family Tax Benefits purposes and/or previous financial year Notice of Assessment issued by the Australian Taxation Office. Any applications for tuition fee assistance are treated as strictly confidential.

Reduction in tuition fees will be granted for the current year only and considered in terms of the financial needs of the family and of the School Board's responsibility to families who are making the effort to pay regular fees.

### **When are the fees due to be paid?**

The expectation is that school fees are paid on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly or monthly). All school fee accounts for 2022 should be finalised by the 9th December 2022 unless an approved payment plan has been agreed with the school. To assist the school we ask that families complete and return the separate form "*Antonio Catholic School payment plan application form*" at the start of the year.

As a guide for families we provide the following timeline for payment due dates:

**After 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 (Week 5)** – fee accounts will be reviewed for payment plans. If paying by the term, then first term payment is due. If no plan has been established then an account statement will be sent by post with a friendly overdue reminder. Personal contact will be made with families prior to the end of the term. *Fees paid in full by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 will receive 5% discount on school fees.*

Week 5 of Term 2, 3 & 4 – if a regular payment arrangement has not been established, then equal portion of the outstanding annual school fee will be due for payment. Where payments are not received by the end of Week 5 in each term, an account statement will be sent by post with a friendly overdue reminder. Families are reminded about the payment and a personal contact should be made with the school if there are any difficulties.

Week 7 of each term – where payment has not been made, or an alternative arrangement established with the Principal or School Finance Manager, at the end of Week 7 of each term a second reminder account will be sent.

Week 9 of each term – if no response is forthcoming **by the end of Week 9 of each term**, personal contact will be made by the Principal or their representative. Contact will be either by telephone or letter and may include an invitation to attend an interview.

In the event of default of payment of fees, the School may refer the default to a third party to assist with collection. If this occurs, personal information will be disclosed to the third party.

Parents are advised that any costs incurred in the use of a debt collection agency will be billed to their account. Once the collection agency has been engaged, parents are required to work through the agency for settlement of their account.

### **Where can I access any relevant forms?**

All relevant financial forms are available for download at: <https://www.antonio.catholic.edu.au/school-fees.html>

### **What if my child is absent from school?**

#### Absence while on holiday

Fees will not be reduced for a student who is absent from school by reason of taking a holiday.

#### Absence due to sickness

A student who is absent from school due to sickness will be charged full fees for the first three weeks of absence. No further fees will be charged for any further period of consecutive absence, provided that a notification of the student absence in writing is supported by a doctor's certificate. Normal family discounts will apply to other members of the family.

### **What if my child leaves during the school year?**

Parents/caregivers whose child/ren leave the school during a term or at the end of the school year must provide at least one term's notice. Failure to provide a term's notice will result in fees being charged for the following term dependent upon the circumstances. Fees will be adjusted to reflect the number of weeks tuition provided to the student for the year.

Arrangements for payment of tuition fees by families who leave the school community during the school year must be discussed with the Principal.

### **Who do I contact if I have a question about the fee account?**

Jodie Veldhoen - Monday to Friday, 8.00am until 4.00pm

Telephone 8325 4500

Email [accounts@antonio.catholic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@antonio.catholic.edu.au)

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL CARD SCHEME

You may be eligible for lower income fees if you qualify for School Card in 2022. Below we have set out the criteria however income limits and eligibility for 2022 will not be available until early January 2022.

### South Australian Government School Card scheme

Families may apply for school card and if approved the school will grant 40% remission on total fees.

Please refer to website for earning thresholds – <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> and for online applications which are the preferred method.

Hardcopy forms will be available in office from January 2022 – please note that a new form is required annually. Completed forms can be returned to the office for processing.

As a guide for School Card limits, the following information is provided. Please note this information relates to 2021 limits which are updated annually. The table below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2021 – based on family's gross income in 2019/2020.

To qualify for School Card and lower income fees, your income should be within these limits.

Number of dependent children	Gross annual income limit	Gross weekly income limit
1 child	\$60,867	\$1,171
2 children	\$61,954	\$1,192
3 children	\$63,041	\$1,213
4 children	\$64,128	\$1,234
5 children	\$65,215	\$1,255
More than 5 children	Add \$1,087 for each dependent child	Add \$21 for each dependent child