

# College Fees 2024

#### STUDENT FEES

TOTAL	\$ 18.605
Compulsory Capital Works Levy	
FAMILY FEES (billed to eldest student)  Compulsory Maintenance Levy	400
Student Fee per annum (for Years 7-12)	17,405

## **Explanation of Fees**

Stella Maris College has a flat fee structure with all compulsory core fees included.

### Student Fee

Includes tuition, general resources, computer resources, sport, excursions and activities, visiting speakers/artists/writers, swimming and athletics carnivals.

Note: 1. Most excursions and activities are Year group and subject dependent. Year 7 Orientation Camp, Year 9 Camp and the Retreats for Years 8, 10 and 11 are included. There is no refund for students who do not attend the major camp or retreat as attendance is compulsory.

2. Some subjects attract additional fees and charges for specialised resources or external costs (see page 2).

### Maintenance Levy

This is a compulsory levy to enable the College to maintain a program of long-term maintenance. Parents may choose to be involved in the College and give of their time in lieu of this payment by volunteering in the Canteen or Uniform Shop.

#### Capital Works Levy

This is a compulsory levy for building projects. The Capital Levy is set each year by the College and approved by the Board of Directors. The income from the levy contributes to the capital costs of the College buildings, infrastructure and construction of facilities. As this amount forms a collectable part of school fees no tax deduction is possible.

### Voluntary Building Fund

This is an optional payment of any amount paid to the Stella Maris College Building Fund. You may claim a tax deduction for these payments. Stella Maris College Building Fund No. AF 1595C SF 6875. Please contact the Finance Office for more information.

### Performing Arts Fees

Dance, Drama and Music fees are no longer billed through fees. Those in performing arts programs will receive information about fees and how to pay via Consent 2 Go at the beginning of the school year.

### Opal Card

Please ensure your daughter has a topped up OPAL child/youth (green) card for use on public transport during College excursions.

## Item and Subject Fees

The following fees are additional to the core fees.

### Year 11 & 12

External VET (1 unit course)	. 400.00
External VET (2 unit course)	800.00

### **International Fee**

## Extra-curricular Expenses

Extra-curricular activities are not covered by the annual tuition fee and are billed separately. This includes, but is not limited to:

External sporting team fees and camps
Duke of Edinburgh registration, training and hikes
Silver & Gold Duke of Edinburgh international tours
Extra-curricular Music, Dance & Drama programmes
Music/Performing Arts tours

Debating
Year 12 Formal
Overseas sporting team tours
Social Justice Immersion tours
All other overseas and interstate tours

## Sibling Discounts

Sibling discounts are automatically given to daughters who attend the College concurrently.

Second Student \$1,360
Third Student \$3,400
Fourth Student \$6,800

An External Sibling Discount is available if your daughter has an <u>older</u> sibling who will be attending an eligible Diocesan Catholic college in the Diocese of Broken Bay in 2024. To apply for this discount please email <u>fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au</u>

\*Eligible schools are Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood, St Paul's Catholic College, Manly and Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood.

## Financial Assistance

We encourage any parent experiencing fee paying difficulties to email fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au or call 9976 1862 / 9976 1812 for a confidential discussion regarding financial assistance options.

## Payment Options and Fees Policies

One annual invoice is emailed at the commencement of Term 1 for the full year's fees. Statements are issued via email quarterly or on request.

Payment of school fees must be by direct debit arranged through the College. Please note that monthly and quarterly instalments are only available under our direct debit arrangement.

College fees may be paid by one of the following options:

### Option 1: Direct Debit Instalments \*Preferred Option\*

10 monthly instalments or 4 quarterly instalments, from 15 February to 15 November by direct debit.

Note: Monthly and quarterly instalments are only available under our direct debit arrangement, and may be paid by credit card (Mastercard/Visa only) or direct debit to a nominated bank account, using a Direct Debit Request (DDR) Authority Form. Direct Debit Authority forms can be found on the College website under Enrolments>How To Pay

#### Option 2: Payment in Full at Commencement of Year

Payment of the full invoice by 15 February will attract a \$250 discount per student with a maximum of \$500 discount per family. Payments may be made by *PAYWAY*, EFT or cheque. This discount applies only where the entire fees for the student and *all* siblings are paid in full by 15 February.

#### **Option 3: Payment in Three Instalments**

If a Direct Debit arrangement is not in place, payment of the account must be paid in three equal instalments.

One third of the total bill will be due: 15 February

15 May 15 August

Payments may be made by PAYWAY, EFT, cash or cheque.

Each instalment is estimated at \$6,202 per student, but may vary where subject fees are payable and sibling discounts apply.

## Holding Payments and Declined Payments

Direct Debit payments may be put on hold for a maximum of one month only if requested in writing and approved under special circumstances. Any missed payments (requested, or declined auto payments), must be made up in full prior to the next scheduled payment date or by increasing all future instalments. Final payment of accounts on Direct Debit schedules must be made in full by 15 November.

### Notice of Withdrawal

Should the student leave the College, one full term's notice of this intention is to be provided in writing to the College Registrar. Where this notice is not given, one full term's fees will be billed in lieu of such notice. This is a genuine pre-estimate of the College's loss.

#### Overdue Accounts

Parents are reminded that fees are payable in accordance with our payment terms. In line with the College Fees Policy, overdue accounts will be followed up and may ultimately be transferred to a collection agency unless an alternate payment arrangement is agreed to with the Finance Department.

Students may be ineligible for optional/extra-curricular programs when payment arrangements are not honoured and communication is not maintained. We encourage any parent experiencing fee paying difficulties to email fees@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au or call 9976 1812 / 9976 1813.

## Edstart – Extended fee payment arrangements

Families in need of an extended payment plan beyond the current school year may consider contacting Edstart at edstart.com.au/stellamaris or 1300 139 445.

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