



Composite Fees 2021

FCJ College was established in Benalla in 1900 by the FCJ Sisters at the invitation of Dean Davy to provide Catholic Education, according to the precepts, teaching and practices of the Catholic Church. All families are welcome to enrol their children at FCJ College Benalla. The financial inability to pay annual school fees in full should never be a reason for the non-attendance of a student who otherwise meets the criteria for enrolment at FCJ College. All families are required to make a financial contribution to the college in the payment of annual school fees.

FCJ College works in partnership with our families to formalise an agreed payment plan to meet individual family financial circumstances. If you wish to discuss your school fees please contact Mark McDonald or Minnie Askew at the college office.

FCJ College endeavours to establish fees that are:

- Are fair and equitable
- Allow the College to maintain an effective, quality curriculum;
- Provide families with suitable options for payment;
- Include all costs in one annual fee

Year 7 - \$3640	Year 9 - \$4490	Year 11 - \$4610
Year 8 - \$4490	Year 10 - \$4490	Year 12 - \$4610

Family Discount for children attending FCJ College	15% for 2 children on total fees billed.	Family Capped fee of \$9000 for 3 or more children.
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Composite School fees are made up of the following 4 components:

1. Tuition Fees: As a non- government school, FCJ College receives 78% of its budgeted income from government funding therefore the 22% balance must be raised through school fees. This fee is a per annum charge and billed in full at the start of the school year or upon commencement at the College. This fee is required to meet salaries, operational expenses, buildings & grounds maintenance and capital development.

2. Subject Levies: Subject levies are crucial to the day to day running of the school and the delivery of the curriculum. These levies represent the resources needed to deliver the curricula at each year level. Subject levies also cover items such as library access, provision of learning materials, sport and leisure activities, purchase of equipment, annual magazine, and other consumable resources required both in and out of the classroom.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) fee of \$200 for the first subject and \$100.00 for each additional subject for each student enrolled. (VET) is billed separately in term one annually.

3. Camps and Excursion: All camps and excursions are mandatory at all year levels. These fees will cover the full cost of all the major camps, retreats and excursions planned for the year level during the year. The only exception is for students studying VCE Outdoor Education & Environment Studies, the cost for this subject is \$300.00 for Unit 3/4 and \$150.00 for Unit 1/2 per student. Unit 3/4 will be billed separately in term one. Unit 1/2 will be billed in Term 3 annually.

4. Laptop & IT Resources Fee: This fee helps to support the provision of laptop and ICT resources which are updated regularly and are essential for their education in today's world of developing Information Technology. This fee covers the cost for each student to use FCJ College's Information Technology facilities. It covers internet access, e-mail and e-learning facilities, printing (black & white & colour) and other resources required to maintain our present level of computers and the accompanying software. The laptop program runs over 3 years (years 7-9 & years 10-12) and ownership of the school laptop transfers to the family at the end of year 9 and year 12.

A laptop security deposit of \$220 is due to be paid by Tuesday 15th December 2020. This payment will constitute the 1st instalment of the composite fee for students in year 7 & 10 in 2021.

5. Euroa Bus Fee: FCJ College operates its own private bus service for Euroa and surrounding families. Families who use this service will be billed an annual bus fee of \$315.00 for the first child and \$105.00 for each additional child.

Billing Process

Prior to start of the school year in early December 2020, all families will receive:

- an invoice dated 1st January showing the total fees for the 2021 Year
- Payment Election Form where families are asked to indicate their preferred method of payment and the frequency of payment. **This form is to be returned to the college office by Tuesday 15th December 2020.**

Financial Assistance

There is a range of financial incentives that families may be able to access to assist with the cost of educating their children. These include:

- **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF):** Families holding a valid means-tested Pensioner concession card, Health care card or Veteran's Affairs gold card are eligible to apply. Schools will receive \$225 for each eligible secondary student per year between years 7-12, the funding is tied to the student and can be applied towards camps, sports and excursion levies billed to families in annual composite school fee accounts.
- **Conveyance Allowance:** Students who travel a distance of more than 4.8 kilometres between the point of entry to the property/residence and the nearest bus stop, are eligible to claim a Conveyance Allowance. Please enquire at the College Office for an application form. If your child requires government bus travel to school for 2021 and does not currently travel to school by bus, or you have moved, please contact the Bus Co-ordinator John Hanrahan c/- Benalla P-12 College on 5761 2777. For the Euroa bus please contact Sophie Avdyugin at FCJ College Benalla.

Special Circumstances: In cases where special/difficult financial circumstances exist, parents/guardians are invited to contact the Principal or the Business Manager for an appointment to discuss ways of alleviating this financial burden. Parents and guardians are strongly urged to make such arrangements rather than allow debts to accumulate with the School. These arrangements are to be negotiated on an annual basis. All financial arrangements are kept strictly confidential.

Contact details: Mr Mark McDonald (Business Manager) Ph: 57621 222
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Approximate amounts for direct debit payments for each year level commencing 1st January 2021 and ending on the 30th November 2021.

Please note: The calculations below refer to fees for one student only, if you require calculations for multiple students please contact Minnie at the College Office.

YEAR LEVEL	WEEKLY	FORTNIGHTLY	MONTHLY	4 EQUAL PAYMENTS
YEAR 7	\$75.80	\$151.60	\$330.90	\$910.00
YEAR 8	\$93.55	\$187.10	\$408.20	\$1122.50
YEAR 9	\$93.55	\$187.10	\$408.20	\$1122.50
YEAR 10	\$93.55	\$187.10	\$408.20	\$1122.50
YEAR 11	\$96.05	\$192.10	\$419.10	\$1152.50
YEAR 12	\$96.05	\$192.10	\$419.10	\$1152.50