

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 2 2025

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

I am so excited to welcome all students and families to the new school year! Whether you're returning to familiar classrooms or starting a brand new adventure with us, I am thrilled to have you as part of our school community here at Cana Catholic Primary School. As a new member of the Cana Catholic School community myself, I want to thank those who have welcomed me with open arms, big smiles and warm words. I look forward to leading Cana Catholic Primary School in the days ahead.

Our dedicated staff are here to support every student to reach their full potential. Together, we will make this year memorable and full of success. This success can only be achieved if all parents, students and staff promise to work together for the good of the entire community. I look forward to creating an inclusive, positive and inspiring school where everyone can thrive.

I am happy to speak with parents and carers in person where possible, please don't hesitate to email me at principal@canahillside.catholic.edu.au and I will endeavour to respond in a timely manner. As a Catholic school community, we pray:

Dear Father,

Be with us today, Fill our hearts with joy

Fill our minds with learning, Fill our classrooms with peace.

Fill our lessons with fun, Fill our friendships with kindness.

Fill our school with love. Help us to be like Jesus and to do what He tells us to do.

We ask this in your name. AMEN

All members of the Cana Catholic School Community are reminded to abide by the MACS Code of Conduct for Parents. Child Safety is an important, non negotiable priority for all schools, and as Principal my responsibility is to ensure that all children are safe at all times. At times, children may disagree with each other and physically or verbally fight with each other. If this occurs at school, it is the responsibility of the school staff to manage this. **Under no circumstances, are parents allowed to approach another child to 'speak' or 'deal with' a situation regardless of how upset they may be.** This is a clear breach of the Child Safety Parent Code of Conduct and I will then follow this up formally. Thank you for your understanding.

All members of the community need to be in partnership and to always be respectful of each other during all interactions - face to face or on social media. We are role models for our children and need to be reflective of our communications and actions. If there are any concerns please see your child's classroom teacher as the first point of contact, or you can contact the Principal on principal@canahillside.catholic.edu.au

A few facts about me:

- I love to learn- I have 2 Masters Degrees, one in Educational Leadership and one in Student Wellbeing as well as Bachelor degrees and Postgraduate Certificates.
- I love to travel, both overseas and within Australia
- My family and friends are my most treasured possessions.
- I love to watch the mighty Carlton Blues play in the AFL. Go Baggers- 2025 is our year!

Have a great week ahead.

Alison Bretag

Principal

Dates for your Calendar (more to come)

Term 1, 2025

Wednesday 29th January	Term 1 begins - Prep to Grade 6 starts at 8:45am, Prep's finish at 1pm on Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th, Friday 31st.
Wednesday 5th February	No Preps students
Monday-Wednesday 10-12 Feb	Parent Chats after school
Wednesday 12th February	No Preps students
Wednesday 19th February	No Preps students
Wednesday 26th February	No Preps students
Monday 3rd March	School Photo Day
Monday March 10th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 24th March	School Closure - Professional Development Day, no students
Tuesday 24th March	School Closure - Professional Development Day, no students
Friday 4th April	Last day of Term 1 for students- 1pm finish for students
Term 2, 2025	
Monday 21st April	Easter Public holiday- no school
Tuesday 22nd April	Term 2 begins
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public holiday-no school
Sunday 18th May	Sacrament of Confirmation- Year 6 students
Monday May 19th	School Closure Day- Professional Development Day, no students
Monday 9th June	King's Birthday public holiday
Thursday June 26th	Parent Teacher Interviews by appointment- no students onsite
Friday 4th July	Last day of Term 2 for students- 1pm finish for students
Term 3, 2025	
Monday July 21st	Term 3 begins
Saturday 16th August	Sacrament of First Eucharist- Year 4
Friday 19th September	Last day of Term 3 for students- 1pm finish for students
Term 4, 2025	
Tuesday October 7th	Sacrament of Reconciliation- Year 3 students
Monday November 3rd	School Closure Day- no students
Tuesday November 4th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 10th December	Year 6 graduation
Tuesday 16th December	Last day of Term 4 for students

This calendar does not include fundraising and community engagement activities- such as Mother's Day or the Colour Fun Run. These dates will be set at the first Parents and Friends Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday February 25th at 2pm in the Staffroom. All welcome to attend. Please email Belinda belinda.1787@gmail.com The more the merrier!

2025 Sacrament Dates

Dear Families,

Below are the dates that the Sacraments will be celebrated at the different year levels.

These dates include a Family Evening and the Sacrament date. More details of the grades / times will be advised closer to the date.

First Reconciliation – Grade 3

Family Evening – Tuesday 9th September 2025

Sacrament Evenings – Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th October



Holy Communion – Grade 4

Family Evening – Thursday 31st July 2025

Sacrament Day – Saturday 16th August



Confirmation – Grade 6

Family Evening – Tuesday 13th May

Sacrament Day – Sunday 18th May



2025 Staff Allocation

Administration

Alison Bretag	Principal
Lina Vermeulen	Deputy Principal / Faith and Mission / ICT / Administration
Elizabeth Cutajar	Deputy Principal / P- 6 Learning Diversity / NCCD
Vanessa Coulter	Student Wellbeing Leader
Melanie Pizzonia	P-2 Curriculum Leader
Brett Grealy	3-6 Curriculum Leader
Doreen Micallef	Intervention / Graduate Mentor Leader
Sarah Adigun	Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader (MHIPS)
Trudy Milligan / Blazenka Coric	Finance / School Maintenance
Carla Doherty / Chrissy Theodosiou	Administration

Teacher	Class
Mikaela Cassar	Prep C
Taylah Hili	Prep H
Kate Johns	Prep J
Ewa Tripptree	Prep T
Olivia Grieve	1G
Sian Leighton	1L
Natalina Raso Sarah Livoti (Friday)	1R
Cassandra Scott Stephanie Belcastro (Friday)	1S
Breanna Cavallaro	2C
Louisa Canturi	2L
Jenson Micallef	2M
Narelle Watson	2W

Teacher	Class
Stephanie Bonello	3B
Agatha Caruana	3C
Shelley Shein Sarah Livoti (Wednesday)	3S
Sarah Adigun Alex O'Shea (Wednesday)	4A
Tanisha Calleja	4C
Ennamarie Giurlanda	4G
Erin Galliot	5G
Tom Kulczynski Brett Grealy (Friday)	5K
Lia Surace	6L
Jake Schembri Natalie Galea (Wednesday)	6S

Teacher	Class
Jessica Bustos (3 Days) Natalie Galea (2 Days)	STEM
Laura Pepper	Italian
Aiden Cassar (4 Days) Jake Schembri (1 Day)	P.E
Cheryl D'Abreo	The Arts

LSO's
Gayle Burley
Julie Cassar
Lisa Croswell
Joyce Debrincat
Angeline Gregory
Lorenza Malamas
Juliette Mendez- Iluffi
Maria Visevic
Natascia Favorito

Ice Creams

Varieties will vary from time to time



Zooper Doopers \$1.00



Paddle Pop Icy Twist \$2.00



Chocolate and Vanilla
Frozen Yoghurt \$2.00



Strawberry and
Vanilla Frozen Yoghurt \$2.00



Rainbow Paddle Pop \$2.50



Calippo- Lemon,
Pineapple and
Raspberry \$3.00



Pure Pops- Pine Lime Coconut \$3.00
Watermelon Berry Mint

**Please note strictly 1 ice cream per child only, available in Term 1 and 4.
We are kindly asking for students to bring coins only for payment as large change will not
be given.**

INGREDIENT LIST:

Zooper Dooper: Water, Sugar, Acidity Regulator (Citric Acid), Flavours, Colours [150d (Cola), 122 (Raspberry), 110 (Orange); 122, 133 (Blackcurrant); 123 (Fairy Floss); 102, 110 (Pineapple); 102, 133 (Lime); 133 (Bubblegum)], Preservatives (202, 211, 223) (SULPHITES).

Icy Twist: Water, sugar, glucose, maltodextrin, vegetable gum (410), food acid (330), lemon juice, natural flavour.

Choc/Vanilla Frozen Yoghurt: Reconstituted Milk Solids, Yoghurt 25% (Milk, Milk Solids, Live Cultures (Acidophilus Bifidus and Casei)), Sugar, Soluble Tapioca Fibre (IMO), Cocoa, Dextrose, Maltodextrin, Natural Flavours, Acacia Gum, Guar Gum, Xanthan Gum.

Strawberry/Vanilla Frozen Yoghurt: Reconstituted Milk Solids, Yoghurt 25% (Milk, Milk Solids, Cream), Live Cultures (Acidophilus Bifidus and Casei)), Sugar, Soluble Tapioca Fibre (IMO), Strawberry Puree (Strawberries, Ascorbic Acid), Dextrose, Maltodextrin, Acacia Gum, Citric Acid, Natural Flavours, Guar Gum, Xanthan Gum, Red Beet (Colour).

Rainbow Paddle Pop: reconstituted skim milk and/or reconstituted buttermilk (milk), milk solids, water, sugar, soluble corn fibre, glucose syrup, vegetable oil, maltodextrin, flavours, emulsifier (471), vegetable gums (410, 407, 417, 412, 401), colours (120, 100, 160b, 162, 160a), salt, gelatine, cocoa powder, malt extract (barley).

Calippo-Water, reconstituted juices [apple (31%), pineapple (2.6%) , raspberry (0.9%)], sugar, maltodextrin, food acid (citric), vegetable gum (410), flavours, colours (124, 123, 102).



Pine Lime Coconut- Pineapple and Lime juice (42%), coconut (29%) (organic coconut milk, raw coconut water), raw sugar, inverted sugar (sugar water), sea salt.

NEW ICE CREAMS AVAILABLE!

**Pure Pops
All Natural Icy poles**



Watermelon Berry Mint- Watermelon juice (62%), berries (18% strawberries and raspberries), water, raw sugar, lime juice, mint (0.5%), sea salt.
May contain traces of peanuts and tree nuts.

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29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: 2025 Annual Tuition Fee

I am writing to provide you details of changes in tuition fees for the 2025 academic year.

Any decision to adjust tuition fees is never made lightly, nor without careful and thorough consideration of our students' needs and our school's capacity to provide an education experience that supports every student to flourish. We are also cognisant of the financial pressures that many families have experienced this year.

Cana Catholic Primary School's, too, is facing increasing costs in multiple areas of school operations, including WorkCover premiums, Child Safety compliance, risk management, teacher resources and professional learning, and higher central system costs.

Our tuition fees at Cana Catholic Primary School are also influenced by the Commonwealth Department of Education's calculation of our community's ability to financially contribute to the operating costs of our school, known as the Capacity to Contribute, or CTC, which is reviewed annually.

School funding is complex, so I have included with this letter a simple school funding "explainer" which I hope will support your understanding of how government funds Catholic (and other non-government) schools and how tuition fees support our school.

To ensure that we can continue to deliver a personalised, high-quality education that is responsive to the diverse interests and academic, social, and emotional needs of our students, it is necessary to adjust our fees in 2025. As a result, Cana Catholic Primary School's annual tuition fee for 2025 will be \$3,460 (1 child family excluding sacramental and sports levies which are specific to year levels). This is an increase of \$225 - or \$4.326 per week over 52 weeks - on 2024 fees.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the fee increase, or wish to discuss your individual circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me. We remain committed to keeping tuition fees as low and affordable as possible, and to working closely with our community to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Thank you for your understanding. I am grateful for your ongoing support and trust in our school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lina Vermeulen
Principal

Enc: Notice of 2025 School Fees
Parent Guide to Catholic School Funding



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NOTICE OF 2025 SCHOOL FEES

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Dear Parents & Guardians

The Cana Catholic Primary School Fee and Levies for the 2025 School Year will be as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>1 Child Family</u>	<u>2 Child Family</u>	<u>3 Child Family</u>	<u>4 Child Family</u>
Family Fee	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Grounds Maintenance Levy	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Building Levy	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<u>Levies per Student</u>				
Educational/Curriculum Levy	\$455.00	\$910.00	\$1,365.00	\$1,820.00
Excursion Levy	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$600.00
Technology Levy	\$505.00	\$1,010.00	\$1,515.00	\$2,020.00
<u>TOTAL 2024 School Fees</u>	\$3,460.00	\$4,570.00	\$5,680.00	\$6,790.00

In 2025, the School Fee *per Family* will be \$2,350.00 *plus Levies per Student* of \$1,110.00

Levies per Student: Education/Curriculum Levy of \$455.00

Excursion Levy of \$150.00

Technology Levy of \$505.00

(Yr 5 & 6 students only)

Sport Levy of \$130.00

(Yr 3, 4 & 6 students only)

Sacramental Levy of \$50.00

Please Note: Grade 6 Students Only - Camp costs will be invoiced during Term 1, 2025

All school fee payments required to be paid directly to the Cana school bank account. Please quote your unique 6 digit Account Code as reference

BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 563 101 059

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT – for School Fees paid in full before 28th March 2025 (End of Term 1, 2025)

\$50 Early Payment Discount is available to families who choose to pay their school fee account in full ***before the end of Term 1***.

If paying 2025 school fees in full by the end of Term 1, please reduce your full account payment by \$50

Alternatively, Families paying by regular instalments throughout the year must comply with the following payment due dates:

PAYMENT DUE DATES

1st Instalment Due Date: 4th April 2025

2nd Instalment Due Date: 4th July 2025

FINAL Due Date: 19th September 2025

AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE PAID

25% of total annual Fee & Levies paid by end of Term 1, 2025

75% of total annual Fee & Levies paid by end of Term 2, 2024

Balance paid in full no later than end Term 3 2025

Families can choose to pay school fees by regular instalments either Weekly, Fortnightly, or Monthly

School Fees must be paid in full no later than end of Term 3, 2025

If required, School Fee Payment Plans need to be arranged with the School Bursar at the commencement of Term 1, 2025.

An appointment is required to arrange a Payment Plan Meeting. Please telephone the School Office on 8390 9200 if you require a Payment Plan appointment.

Mrs Lina Vermeulen
Principal



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Payment Requirement Schedule

To ensure that you maintain your payment schedule, please refer to the table below as a guide, to assist with identifying the required level of payment required for your family structure.

Students per Family	Annual Fee/Levies	Early Full Payment Discount Criteria		Payments by Instalments per Term Due Dates		
		Early Payment Discount *	Payment required by 4/04/2025 *	25% of the total annual charge to be paid by End Term 1 4 th April 2025	75% of the total annual charge to be paid by End Term 2 4 th July 2025	Balance Due no later than 19 th September 2025
1 child family	\$3,460.00	-\$50.00	\$3,410.00	\$865.00	\$2,595.00	\$865.00
2 child family	\$4,570.00	-\$50.00	\$4,520.00	\$1,142.50	\$3,427.50	\$1,142.50
3 child family	\$5,680.00	-\$50.00	\$5,630.00	\$1,420.00	\$4,260.00	\$1,420.00
4 child family	\$6,790.00	-\$50.00	\$6,740.00	\$1,697.50	\$5,092.50	\$1,697.50

If paying by instalments, please consider the level of payment required by each due date. If a Payment Plan is required, please contact the Cana Catholic Primary School Front Office to arrange for a private meeting with our School Bursar to discuss Payment Plan Options. Payment Plans provide maximum benefit when arranged early during Term 1.



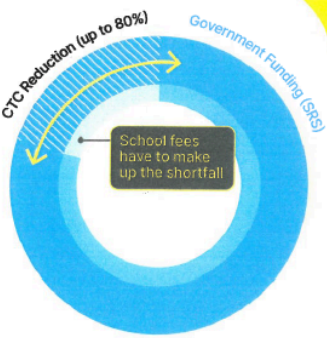
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Catholic Schools

Parent Guide to Catholic
School Funding

Catholic schools (and other non-government schools) are funded through a combination of:

1. Commonwealth Government funding
2. State Government funding
3. Parent contributions in the form of tuition fees and charges.

This is how the pieces of the pie fit together.



Baseline funding (the SRS)

There is an agreed annual amount that government funds every school to meet its students' educational needs. This is called the **Schooling Resource Standard (SRS)**. Under this national agreement, the Australian and state governments together fund schools in line with the SRS.

The final SRS Base for 2024 was \$13,570 for each primary student, and \$17,053 for each secondary student.

In addition to this base amount, there are up to six loadings that can provide additional funding for student priority cohorts and disadvantaged schools.

To ensure that funding keeps up with changes in wages and other costs, the SRS base amount and loadings are indexed each year.

The Capacity to Contribute (CTC)

For Catholic schools, the SRS base amount is then **reduced** by the school community's CTC. This can be as much as an 80% reduction.

The Capacity to Contribute (CTC) for each school is determined by the taxable income of the families attending the school, as reported annually to the ATO.

Schools are currently expected to recover the CTC shortfall in SRS funding through school fees.

Importantly, none of this government funding can be used for buildings and infrastructure in Catholic schools. Our buildings and infrastructure are funded by capital grants from the Commonwealth and/or Victorian governments, and by parent contributions through fees, school cash reserves and capital levies.

Further information is available on the [School Resourcing Standard](#) through the Australian Government Department of Education.



Canteen Service

- Canteen orders will commence next week on Mondays and Wednesdays.



Cana School Canteen

CANA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2024

Hot Items

Lasagne E	\$5.00
Macaroni & Cheese E V	\$5.00
Chicken Burger w Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo	\$6.00
Beef Burger with Cheese, Tomato Sauce	\$6.00
Dim Sims (Steamed)	\$1.50
Pie	\$4.80
Party Pie/Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Skinless Hot Dog	\$4.00
Falafel Bites GF Vegan E	3/ \$3.00

Snacks

Large Choc Chip Cookie	\$3.00
Popcorn (Sweet & Salty) (Salty) V	\$2.00
Noodle Snacks	\$1.20
Fruit of the day	\$1.50

Sushi/Rice Paper Rolls (Wednesday's during Term 1 & 4)

(please order your sushi by 3 pm the night before on the QKR App)

Tuna-Twin pack E	\$7.00
California Roll- Twin Pack E	\$7.00
Chicken Teriyaki- Twin Pack E	\$7.00
Vegetarian - Twin Pack E	\$7.00
Rice Paper Rolls- Chicken and Veg E	\$7.00

Canteen will be open Monday and Wednesday in 2024.

Please place orders by 9.00 am via the QKR App.

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED VIA THE QKR APP

Download the Qkr app on your mobile or iPad today!

Sandwiches (Fresh or Toasted)

Salad E V	\$4.00
Ham E	\$3.00
Cheese E	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese E	\$3.20
HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato) E	\$3.70
HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato) E	\$3.70
Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.70
Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.70
Vegemite & Cheese E	\$3.00
Egg with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.20
Fairy Bread	\$2.50

Gluten Free Sandwiches Available add 30c

Rolls

Salad E V	\$4.50
Ham E	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese E	\$3.70
HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato) E	\$4.20
HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato) E	\$4.20
Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$5.20
Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$5.20
Vegemite & Cheese E	\$3.50
Egg with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.70

Wraps

Salad E V	\$4.50
Ham E	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese E	\$3.70
HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato) E	\$4.20
HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato) E	\$4.20
Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$5.20
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$5.20
Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$5.20
Vegemite & Cheese E	\$3.50
Egg with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.70

Additions for Sandwiches, Rolls and Wraps & Salad Plate

Ham 50c	Chicken \$1.00	Egg \$1.00
Cheese 50c	Tuna \$1.00	

E= Healthy Option V =Vegetarian Option GF =Gluten Free

Sandwiches, Rolls and Wraps are made with white bread. If you would like Wholemeal or Multigrain please state this on your order.

Tomato Sauce 30c Brown Paper Bag 15c



Dear Parents, Families, and Community.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to TheirCare as the provider for both Before and After School Care at Cana Catholic Primary School.

Our operating hours are 7:00 am to 8:30 am for Before School Care and 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm for After School Care.

During Pupil Free Days, TheirCare will operate a full day care program for children from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

We provide an adventurous and stimulating program in a safe environment for all children. During sessions, children develop life skills, friendships, confidence, and creativity through play.

Our values make **SENSE** because they empower children to be their best selves and to have a voice. These values are:

 Safety	 Education	 Nurturing	 Stimulating	 Empathy
Every decision and action is established around the safety of children in our care.	Children learn and experience something new every day and we can foster that in every session.	We create an environment where children experience a sense of belonging and trust.	We motivate and encourage children to be and do their best in an environment where fun is the focus	We listen and we care. Every child is important and has a voice.

We are available for both permanent and casual bookings for both sessions, to register or book please visit our website: <https://theircare.com.au/>

You can always contact our program's mobile on **0457 797 014**.

Your service coordinator will be available during session times to take any calls regarding care. TheirCare Support Office is available during office hours if required on **1300 072 410**.

We are looking forward to seeing you in care soon.

TheirCare Support Team.

How to Enrol

GUIDE



Enrolment and bookings are completed online at **www.theircare.com.au** and takes around 15 to 20 minutes.



When doing your child's enrolment there will be some information and documents that you will need on hand to complete the process.

These include

- 1** Centrelink CRNs for yourself and the child you are enrolling
- 2** Credit card or bank account details for direct debit purposes
- 3** Emergency contact details in case you are not contactable in an emergency
- 4** Authorised nominees for drop off and collection
- 5** Doctor, Medicare, immunisations details for your child
- 6** Any medical or health details for your child



Enrolment takes approximately 15–20 minutes



See FAQs on our website
theircare.com.au/families

