



17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **Tuition Fees 2023/2024**

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you may be aware, the College reviews its fee structure annually to take account of national wage agreements and other external inflationary pressures. It must also ensure that sufficient funding is available to fulfil its ongoing commitment to improving facilities and enhancing services in the College.

Like most organisations, we are experiencing significant increases in operating cost and, while we have absorbed much of the increase this year, it is not sustainable to do so going forward. The Board have therefore decided to increase fees by 5% for 2023/2024 and the tuition fees will be as follows:

<b>Secondary School (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year)</b>	<b>€8,100</b>
<b>Transition Year (4th Year)</b>	<b>€8,500</b>
<b>International Baccalaureate programme</b>	<b>€10,700</b>
<b>Junior School</b>	<b>€10,200</b>

Fees are invoiced in July each year and are payable in a single instalment or two equal instalments on 1st September and 1st February, respectively. Alternatively, there is an option to pay by direct debit over 9 months from 4<sup>th</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> June inclusive provided signed mandates are received by 1<sup>st</sup> September. An administration fee of €45 applies to this option.

Payment can only be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) directly to the College's bank account or through the Easy Payment Plus facility on the St Andrew's College website. The College does not accept cash, credit/debit cards over the phone or cheques in respect of fees.

If you wish to pay by direct debit, please fill out a direct debit mandate which is available on our website. This should be returned to St Andrew's College by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and the first payment will be taken on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023. If you ceased to pay by direct debit (and cancelled your direct debit with your bank) at any time during the 2022/23 academic year you will need to return a new mandate to reinstate this method of payment (even if the bank details have remained the same).

All fees must be paid in full by 4<sup>th</sup> June each year and the Board of Governors reserve the right to decide whether students are permitted to continue their education in the College if fees remain outstanding at the start of the following academic year.

### **Additional Charges**

The following additional charges will apply:

#### *Junior School*

There is an additional fee of €70 to cover all Junior School trips during the year.

There is also an annual charge for violin and computer rental of €70 for children in classes P1 to P6 and €40 for children in K1 and K2 (computer only).

A charge of €20 per family is payable in respect of the Parents Teachers Association.

#### *Senior School*

##### *All Secondary Students*

There is a charge of €10 for the student diary/planner and €19 in respect of a Yondr Pouch to securely store mobile phones during the school day. There is an optional charge per student of €10 for membership of St. Andrew's College Alumni Association, please notify us if you do not wish to be a member of the Alumni Association.

##### *All Families*

A charge of €20 per family is payable in respect of the Parents Teachers Association.

##### *All New Students*

A once-off charge of €60 applies to all incoming students in the secondary school for use of a locker and padlock while attending the College.

##### *Transition Year*

Where a student does not attend Transition Year, opting instead to pursue studies overseas, for example, but wishes to return for Fifth Year, the full school fees remain payable to secure his/her college place during the period of absence.

##### *International Baccalaureate*

Participants in the International Baccalaureate programme should note that there is a minimum charge of €5,000 in respect of certain additional subjects. Please consult the subject option form for the specific subjects to which charges apply.

##### *English as a Second Language*

For those availing of this service there is a fixed charge of €725

### **College Bursaries**

Where eligible, parents may be able to defray costs through:

Secondary Education Committee Grant – a means tested grant awarded by the State to parents of a Protestant denomination. Application must be made by 28th February each year for assistance in the next school year.

Assistance from Trust funds – e.g., Protestant Aid; Bertrand and Rutland Fund Bursary Fund

A limited bursary system exists to help parents cope with situations of financial difficulty. Application for bursary assistance, which is means-tested, should be made through the Chief Financial Officer.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Schuster', written in a cursive style.

Ivan Schuster  
**Secretary to the Board**