

## **CAREY BAPTIST COLLEGE STUDENT SERVICES FEE PROPOSAL 2026**

### **Introduction**

The student services fee (SSF) is a compulsory non-tuition fee that is charged to students enrolled at Carey. The fee was first introduced in 2013 to contribute to the provision of quality student services that support learning. The funds received by Carey from the fee are ring-fenced, meaning they can only be spent on specified student services.

Carey is committed to ensuring that students have a say in how their money is spent, working in partnership with the Carey Student Association (SASS) through its President, to ensure consultation occurs. This consultation covers the type of services to be covered, level of fees, procurement of services and the authorisation of expenditure.

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### **Initial Planning - August**

**Executive Director + Student President** meet to identify key student service needs.

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### **Student Feedback Collection - September**

**Student President** gathers input on services, fees, and levy allocation via:

- Student Facebook group
  - Moodle (Learning Management System)
  - Student newsletters
  - Student community lunches
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### **Ongoing Feedback Channels**

Students can also share feedback through:

- Experience & programme surveys
- Student reps on committees
- Social media
- Direct contact with SASS President or Carey staff

The student services fee helps to fund services that are not covered by tuition fees. The fees support delivery of the following categories of services.

- Advocacy and legal advice
- Careers information, advice and guidance
- Childcare services
- Clubs and societies
- Counselling services
- Employment information
- Financial support and advice
- Health services
- Media
- Sports, recreation and cultural activities

### Proposal for 2026

The proposed fee for 2026 for a full-time equivalent student is \$400 including GST. For part-time students, this is \$50 per 15-credit course (or \$100 per 30 credit course). It is proposed that micro-credential courses be charged at a proportional rate according to their credits (ie 5-credit micro-credential course would be \$17).

Details of the proposed types of service and of the income and expected expenditure from the SSF for 2026 are set out below.

Service Category	Service Type	Budgeted income*	Actual Income	Budgeted Expenditure	Actual Expenditure
Counselling services	Counselling sessions	\$3,000		\$3,000	
	Additional pastoral support for students engaging online (7.5 hours a week)	\$19,500		\$19,500	
Financial support and advice	Student hardship fund	\$3,000		\$3,000	
Sports, recreation and cultural activities	Maintenance of sport equipment and games	\$1,500		\$1,500	
	Student led events (x3)	\$2,400		\$2,400	
TOTAL (Excl GST)		\$29,400		\$29,400	
GST		\$4,410		\$4,410	
TOTAL (Incl GST)		\$33,810		\$33,810	

Feedback on this proposal should be sent to: Timothy Sze, Student President (timothy.cwsze@gmail.com) by **Tuesday 30 September 2025**.