CAREY BAPTIST COLLEGE STUDENT SERVICES FEE

PROPOSAL 2027

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.

Initial Planning - August

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

Student Feedback Collection - September

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

- Student WhatsApp
- Moodle (Learning Management System)
- Student newsletters
- Student community lunches

Ongoing Feedback Channels

Students can also share feedback through:

- Programme and SASS-run 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
- Clubs and societies
- Counselling services
- Employment information
- Financial support and advice
- Health services
- Media
- Sports, recreation and cultural activities

Proposal for 2027

The proposed fee for 2027 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 2027 are set out below.

Service Category	Service Type	Budgeted income	Budgeted Expenditure
Counselling and Pastoral care services	Counselling sessions		$3,400
	Pastoral support		$6,000
	Additional pastoral support for students engaging online (7.5 hours per week)		$13,000
Financial support and advice	Student hardship fund		$3,000
Recreational, sports and cultural activities	Maintenance of student spaces, games and sport equipment		$1,000
	Student led events (x3)		$3,000
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**:** Levi Dyer, Student President by **6 October 2027.**