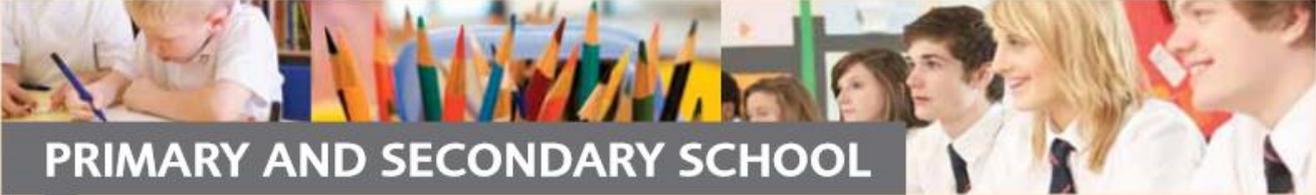


## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE COST OF YOUR CHILDREN'S COLLEGE EDUCATION?

### 1. Primary and Secondary School



**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL**

#### Public education costs

The total cost of primary education for one child is about €12,000 while the costs of secondary schooling is approximately €13,000 on average. (Irish Times, 2011)

#### Private education costs

Here are the yearly costs of six Irish private schools.

Gonzaga College, Dublin	€5,400
Glenstal Abbey School, Limerick	€15,100 (board and tuition)
The Teresian School, Dublin	€4,475
Mount Anville School, Dublin	€5,000
Loreta College, St Stephen's Green, Dublin	€3,700
Holy Child School, Killiney, Dublin	€4,900

(The Sunday Times 2011 Parent Power Guide)

This means the average cost (for non boarding) is €4,695 a year.  
That's over €28,000 over 6 years for one child!

#### Child Benefit 2012

Benefit	Monthly rate
One child	€140
Two children	€280
Three children	€428
Four children	€588

(Department of Social Protection, 2012)



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## 2. Third Level Education



**THIRD LEVEL**

### Costs

Annual costs of living away from home		Annual costs of living at home	
Rent	€2,583	Contribution to bills	€261
Electricity / Gas / Bins	€275	Food	€576
Food	€1,521	Travel	€864
Travel	€864	Books and materials	€468
Books and materials	€630	Clothes / medical	€378
Clothes / medical	€378	Mobile phone	€279
Mobile phone	€279	Social Life / Miscellaneous	€1,161
Social Life / Miscellaneous	€1,161	<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,987</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7,691</b>		

(DIT Student Cost of Living Guide, 2011/2012)

### Reintroduction of fees

The reintroduction of fees is a topical issue at present. To give you an idea of the potential costs if fees are reintroduced, here are the average course fees for 2010/2011, non-E.U. students at higher education institutions in Ireland:

Undergraduate courses		Postgraduate courses	
Medicine and related	€31,000 - €45,000	Medicine and related	€12,035 - €37,000
Engineering	€9,100 - €20,300	Engineering	€9,150 - €18,000
Science & Technology	€9,100 - €16,500	Science & Technology	€9,150 - €18,000
Arts & Humanities	€9,100 - €15,500	Arts & Humanities	€8,900 - €20,000
Business	€9,000 - €15,500	Business	€9,150 - €18,800

(Enterprise Ireland, 2011)



75% of parents with children in secondary school fear they wouldn't be able to pay third level fees if reintroduced.

60% of parents were prepared to go into debt to put their children through college

(Survey carried out by Irish Life, 2010)

Source: Irish Life