Dear Parents,

The Community Council has approved the school budget and the school fees and levies for the 2017 school year are below:

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**CEO Tuition Fee**

The school collects tuition fees on behalf of the Catholic Education Office. The Catholic Education Office calculates what our fee collection amount would be if we were able to collect 100% of fees. We are then invoiced for 82.5% of this amount each term. Any money collected through fees above this amount is kept by the school. As a school we do our budget based on a 90% collection rate. This allows us to assist families experiencing genuine financial hardship.

**School Levy**

This levy covers the day to day running of the school and includes costs such as gas and electricity, security, water, grounds, cleaning, painting, furniture, replacement of flooring etc.

**Resource Levy**

This levy covers the daily consumables used by the students in their learning. Examples of items covered in this levy are pens and pencils, books, photocopying, KLA resources etc.

**Excursion Levy**

This levy covers the excursions students participate in as part of class learning. It covers bus costs to some sporting events as well as events such as Four Schools Day, our swimming carnival.

It does not cover the overnight excursions undertaken by Years 5 and 6.
ICT Levy

The school currently has a number of iPads throughout the school. As we continue our ICT plan in 2017 we are looking at re-introducing laptops to the school. This is to give the students, particularly those in the older grades the ability to use both platforms comfortably. The levy covers the costs of laptops, iPads, safes for the devices, internet charges, maintenance of whiteboards etc.

Swimming Levy

All students from Kindergarten to Year 2 participate in swimming lessons in term four. The swimming levy of $35 per term covers the cost of pool entry, busses and the swimming or water polo program. The cost is spread over the four terms.

Participation in these programs is compulsory as they link directly to the outcomes of the Australian Curriculum. The ability to swim and feel safe and confident around water is a skill that will be of benefit their entire lives.

Building Fund

The money collected from this fund is remitted to the Catholic Education Office.

The money collected via this levy helps maintain the school building. It covers the cost of electricians, plumbers, maintenance of heating/cooling systems, inspections as required by government legislation.

It also allows the Catholic Education Office to set some funds aside to help with the establishment of new schools. Some of these funds assisted with the development of Mother Teresa School.

The Community Council acknowledges the sacrifices parents make to ensure their child has a Catholic education. They are also aware that at times families experience financial hardship. The school has systems in place to assist families in this situation. If you need assistance contact either Mrs Betts or Mr Hughes. All discussions are confidential.

The Catholic Education Commission believes a Catholic child should not be denied a Catholic education through an inability to pay fees. This is different to an unwillingness to pay fees.

Payment Methods

- Cash
- Cheque
- Credit Card
- EFTPOS
- BPAY
- Direct Debit – 1st day of every month deductions from your credit card