

1st December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year our school underwent a change of governance structure and now we operate with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and we are now owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS). MACS provides our school with policy and financial structural support to ensure our school meets its financial obligations.

MACS policy states: *'Whilst no child will be denied access to a Catholic education due to genuine financial hardship, when families decide on a Catholic school for their children they knowingly take on additional financial responsibilities associated with school fees, which must be honoured in accordance with normal commercial practices.'*

Our school has taken on considerable financial responsibilities for the coming years to provide 21st century resources for our students- your children. I thank our families from previous years who have supported our school, to enable our current families to benefit from their financial support. Next year our children will have the benefits of being educated in a \$5 million building made possible by our current families' continued commitment to their financial responsibilities.

This letter is to inform you of our fees and charges for the 2022 school year. The following School Fee and Curriculum Fee amounts have been set with due regard for the following: -

- consideration of our families and their financial obligations;
- the cost of excursions, bus travel and stationery;
- the need to provide current learning material and technologies for our students

2022 FEES AND LEVIES

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| School Fee | \$1500.00 - per family |
| Curriculum Levy | \$300.00 - per child |

2022 PAYMENT DATES

Families have the option of paying yearly, termly, monthly, fortnightly or weekly. Many of our families have set up payment arrangements via EZIDEBIT. Please contact the Office if you require further details or forms.

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| Curriculum Levy | Families will be invoiced for the 300.00 per child on 1/12/2021 and is due by 14/12/2021 |
| School Fee | Families will be invoiced at the beginning of the school year and statements sent home throughout the year. |
| Payment Methods | Cash, EFTPOS DIRECT DEBIT - EZIDEBIT Payments can be made over the phone, preferred payment method is by Ezidebit / Direct Debit. |

Eligibility for Concessional School Fees

1.1 Concessional school fees are available to any family that meets the below eligibility criteria:

- 1.1.1 of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- 1.1.2 holding an HCC and eligible for CSEF
- 1.1.3 experiencing severe financial hardship
- 1.1.4 holding a DVA Gold Card
- 1.1.5 identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard is strongly encouraged to apply for concessional school fees.

Concessional School Fees for Eligible Students

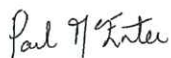
- 1.1 Students of eligible families are entitled to concessional school fees.
- 1.2 The school fees for eligible students are:
 - 1.2.1 1 child: \$15 per child per week, direct debit (\$780 per annum or \$195 per term)
 - 1.2.2 2 children: \$23 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1,196 per annum, or \$299 per term)
 - 1.2.3 3+ children: \$30 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1,560 per annum, or \$390 per term)
- 1.3 The above fees cover both tuition fees and levies.

Forms will be available online on the school website www.olps.vic.edu.au or please contact the Office-93082011. Please return the completed form to the Office for processing. You will be informed of your eligibility.

Concessional fee decisions are made on behalf of MACS primary schools by the school principal. All families that currently receive a fee rebate need to reapply using the MACs form.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any issues regarding the contents of this letter.

Regards



Paul McEntee
Principal