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Dear Parents and Carers,

Planning for Our Future | Introducing Tiered Family Fees

At St Fidelis, we are committed to helping every child flourish by fostering intellectual curiosity, strengthening character, and supporting wellbeing within a nurturing Catholic community.

In planning for 2027, our focus has been to ensure we can continue to provide the high-quality learning opportunities, care and support that families value, while keeping costs as affordable as possible.

As part of this commitment, St Fidelis will be transitioning from our **traditional flat fee** to a **tiered family fee** structure in 2027.

Catholic schools are funded through a combination of government funding and parent fees.

As government funding does not meet the full cost of providing Catholic education, fees remain an important part of funding teaching, learning, student wellbeing and the day-to-day life of our school.

For 2027, **MACS has set fee guidelines** in response to significant cost pressures, including higher operating costs and the expected cost of salary and conditions improvements under the next enterprise agreement (EBA).

Why we are moving to tiered family fees?

Under a **flat fee model**, a family pays one set tuition fee regardless of whether they have one child or four children enrolled. Under our **new tiered model**, fees are set with an upfront fee for the first child and smaller, stepped amounts for additional siblings.

This model is already used successfully across Catholic secondary colleges and over 60% of Catholic primary schools. Transitioning now addresses three practical realities:

Practical Realities

Fairness for all families

Under a flat fee, families with one child contribute the exact same amount as larger families, even though every child uses classrooms, teachers, specialists, and resources equally. A tiered structure shares costs more fairly across the whole community, while still providing significant discounts for siblings.

Matching how our school is funded	Commonwealth and state grants are calculated strictly on a per-child basis. Government funding formulas assume our school collects a fee contribution for each enrolled student. Under a flat family fee, our school foregoes critical operating revenue that the government expects us to receive. A tiered fee closes this gap.
Protecting our classrooms	A tiered Fee model establishes a predictable, dependable financial baseline to retain great teachers, maintain supportive class sizes, and keep classroom resources up to date.

St Fidelis 2027 Tiered Fee Schedule and School Levies

Beginning in the 2027 school year, our annual tuition fee and school levies structure will be:

2027 School Tiered Fee Structure			
Family Size	Tuition Fee	Capital Fee	Total Fees (Excluding Levies)
1 Child	\$2,560.00	\$120.00	\$2,680.00
2 Children	\$2,780.00	\$120.00	\$2,900.00
3 Children	\$3,000.00	\$120.00	\$3,120.00
4 Children	\$3,220.00	\$120.00	\$3,340.00
5 Children	\$3,440.00	\$120.00	\$3,560.00
6 Children	\$3,660.00	\$120.00	\$3,780.00

2027 School Levies			
Year Level	Curriculum Levy	Camp	Excursion
Foundation	\$400.00	-	\$150.00
Year 1	\$400.00	-	\$150.00
Year 2	\$400.00	-	\$150.00
Year 3	\$400.00	-	\$150.00
Year 4	\$400.00	-	\$150.00
Year 5	\$400.00	\$480.00	\$150.00
Year 6	\$400.00	\$480.00	\$150.00

School Fees and Levies What is covered in the fees and levies	
School Fees	School fees ensure all children are provided the best experiences and resources to support their learning.
Capital Fee	This levy contributes towards the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

Curriculum Levy	This fee covers all of your children's books and stationery requirements and also covers the purchase of materials for different subject areas such as English, Maths, Inquiry, Art, Technologies/STEM and Physical Education, Religious Education and The Resilience Project Workbook per child.
Excursion Levy	This fee covers the cost of incursions and excursions. This will not be refundable should your child be away on the day of the excursion.
Camp Levy Year 5/6	This fee is for Year 5/6 students only. This fee will cover the Camp for Years 5 & 6 students only.
Interschool Sport Year 5/6	Transport costs for interschool sports are not included in the excursion levy. Students will be required to pay for these separately as the need arises.

We understand that family budgets are under real pressure, and we never make fee decisions lightly. While our fees will naturally need to reflect normal cost-of-living movements over time, taking these adjustments ensures a stable, dependable operational foundation for our school. Most importantly, it ensures our classrooms remain focused on delivering the personal care, quality teaching, and attention your child deserves.

Pastoral care and financial support

In keeping with our Catholic ethos, financial hardship should never be a barrier to an education at St Fidelis. We continue to offer confidential fee relief and support for families holding a Health Care Card, as well as for any family whose financial circumstances have changed.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, trust, and shared commitment to our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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St Fidelis Catholic Primary School