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Dear Parents and Carers

2022 School Fees

At the October meeting of the School Advisory Council, fees for the 2022 year were considered. In recognition of the extraordinary circumstances our families are dealing with at the moment, the School and School Advisory Council have decided to only raise the fees by 1.7% in 2022. This equates to \$25 extra for the year in the primary department, and \$50 in the secondary department.

While remaining always sensitive to the needs of families in difficult and traumatic situations, the school has significant expenses and responsibility for the maintenance and provision of the outstanding facilities that have been provided here over many years.

The school is therefore essentially a user-pays organisation and a commitment to school fees is expected from all who seek enrolment at St Philomena's Catholic School.

School fees are set out each year detailing tuition, resources, insurance, minor excursions and other costs as determined by the School Advisory Council Finance Committee. The school expects that fees are paid promptly.

Compassion for, and support of families in difficult circumstances will always be a priority. Families that are experiencing difficulty in meeting their commitment to school fees are asked to contact the school to arrange a confidential meeting with the Principal.

It is unreasonable and unjust to ignore fee accounts or to fail to contact the school promptly when problems affecting payment may arise. Debt collection processes will be initiated when necessary, in accordance with the Diocesan Fee Policy.

A copy of the 2022 fee schedule, along with information regarding payment options, is provided below for your information.

Yours sincerely

Jamie McDowall Principal