



# St Thomas More Parish Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **2025 Annual Tuition Fee**

I am writing to provide you details of changes in tuition fees for the 2025 academic year. Any decision to adjust tuition fees is never made lightly, nor without careful and thorough consideration of our students' needs and our school's capacity to provide an education experience that supports every student to flourish. We are also cognisant of the financial pressures that many families have experienced this year.

St Thomas More's, too, is facing increasing costs in multiple areas of school operations, including WorkCover premiums, Child Safety compliance, risk management, teacher resources and professional learning, and higher central system costs.

Our tuition fees at St Thomas More are also influenced by the Commonwealth Department of Education's calculation of our community's ability to financially contribute to the operating costs of our school, known as the Capacity to Contribute, or CTC, which is reviewed annually.

School funding is complex, so I have included with this letter a simple school funding "explainer" which I hope will support your understanding of how government funds Catholic (and other non-government) schools and how tuition fees support our school.

To ensure that we can continue to deliver a personalised, high-quality education that is responsive to the diverse interests and academic, social and emotional needs of our students, it is necessary to adjust our fees in 2025.

As a result, St Thomas More's annual tuition fee for 2025 will be \$3155. This is an increase of \$5.60 per week - on 2024 fees. A full table of fees and levies can be found in the newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the fee increase, or wish to discuss your individual circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me. We remain committed to keeping tuition fees as low and affordable as possible, and to working closely with our community to make this transition as smooth as possible. Thank you for your understanding. I am grateful for your ongoing support and trust in our school.

Yours sincerely,

Declan McDermott

Principal

