ST CARLO'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL FEES 2027

Monday October 26, 2026.

Dear Parents and Carers

At St Carlo Borromeo, we remain committed to keeping school fees as affordable as possible for our families while continuing to provide the high-quality Catholic education, programs, resources and facilities that our students deserve.

Like all schools, however, we are experiencing significant increases in the costs associated with staffing, resources, insurance, transport, equipment, utilities and the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has undertaken a review of the current primary school fee model, including consultation with schools and consideration of the approaches used across other Catholic school systems. This review has also considered future financial pressures, including the retirement of Choice and Affordability Funding in 2030, anticipated Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) increases and rising operational costs.

Following this review, MACS requires primary schools to move towards a tiered family fee structure. **St Carlo's introduced the tiered family fee structure from the beginning of the 2026 school year**.

The move to a tiered structure provides a number of benefits:

- **Fairness** – fees are distributed more equitably across families, with each child's enrolment contributing towards the resources and opportunities they receive.
- **Sustainability** – the structure helps our school meet increasing costs while continuing to invest in quality staffing, programs, resources and facilities.
- **Consistency** – tiered family fees are already commonly used across Catholic schools and provide a clear and sustainable model for the future.

We recognise that any increase in school fees has an impact on family budgets, particularly at a time when many households are experiencing increased cost-of-living pressures. The decision to adjust our fee structure has therefore been carefully considered.

Why Do We Charge School Fees?
The majority of our school's funding comes from the Commonwealth and State Governments. However, Catholic primary schools receive less government funding per student than government primary schools. School fees and levies help bridge this funding gap and enable us to meet the operational costs of providing a high-quality Catholic education.

Approximately:

- **80% of our funding** is provided through State and Commonwealth Government grants.
- **20% of our funding** is provided through school fees and levies.

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2027 Family Tuition Fees
Our Family Tuition Fees for 2027 will be:

1 Child – $2,610
2 Children – $2,910
3 Or more Children – $3,120

The Family Tuition Fee may be paid in full at the beginning of the year or in **three instalments**, due at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3:

1 Child – $870 per instalment
2 Children – $970 per instalment
3 Or more Children – $1,040 per instalment

Families may also arrange a regular direct debit payment plan to spread payments across the year.
All school fees and levies must be finalised no later than the end of Term 3, unless an alternative payment arrangement has been agreed with the school.

Capital/Maintenance Fee – $300 per Family
A non-refundable Capital/Maintenance Fee of $300 per family is payable at the commencement of the school year. This fee contributes towards the ongoing improvement, repair and maintenance of our school buildings and grounds.

Student Levy – $600 per Child
The Student Levy of $600 per child is payable at the commencement of the school year. This levy covers students' books and stationery requirements, together with materials and resources used across curriculum areas including English, Mathematics, Inquiry, Library, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Italian, STEM, Digital Technologies and Physical Education.

Excursion Levy – $200 per Child
The Excursion Levy of $200 per child is payable at the commencement of the school year and covers the cost of scheduled excursions and incursions. This levy is non-refundable if a student is absent on the day of an excursion or incursion. Transport costs associated with Year 6 interschool sport is not included and will be charged separately as required.

School Camps
The following camp costs are approximate at this stage and may be subject to changes:

- Year 5 – approximately $600
- Year 6 – approximately $650

Camp fees include a **non-refundable deposit of $150**.

What Will My Family Pay in 2027?
To assist families with planning, the table below shows the total annual compulsory fees, including the Family Tuition Fee, Capital/Maintenance Fee, Student Levy and Excursion Levy.

Number of Children	Family Tuition Fee	Capital / Maintenance Fee	Student Levy	Excursion Levy	Total Annual Fees
1 Child	$2,610	$300	$600	$200	**$3,710**
2 Children	$2,910	$300	$1,200	$400	**$4,810**
3 Children	$3,120	$300	$1,800	$600	**$5,820**
4 Children	$3,120	$300	$2,400	$800	**$6,620**

- *The Family Tuition Fee and Capital/Maintenance Fee are charged per family.*
- *The Student Levy and Excursion Levy are charged per child.*
- *School camp fees and other specific charges, including Year 6 interschool sport transport, are additional where applicable.*

Concessional School Fee Policy
Concessional school fees are available to families who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the MACS Concessional School Fee Policy, which is available on our school website. Families who believe they may be eligible are encouraged to contact the school to discuss and apply. Health Care Card holders are particularly encouraged to enquire about their eligibility. We understand that family circumstances can change, and we are committed to working compassionately and confidentially with families experiencing financial difficulty.

Fee Information and Accounts
School fee account statements are generally emailed at the beginning of each month. These statements provide families with an updated record of their account balance and payments received. Receiving a monthly account statement does not mean that a separate monthly payment is due. Families may pay according to the three-instalment schedule outlined above or through an agreed regular direct debit payment arrangement.

Payments can be made by credit card, EFTPOS/EFT or direct debit, with **direct debit of EFT** being our preferred payment method.

Please note:

- Families paying by instalments are required to make payments at the beginning of **Terms 1, 2 and 3**.
- Families may arrange regular direct debit payments with the school.
- All outstanding school fees and levies must be finalised by the **end of Term 3**, unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed with the school.
- Parents are responsible for any bank charges associated with a dishonoured direct debit.
- Where fees remain unpaid, parents may be asked to meet with the Principal to discuss their account and establish appropriate arrangements.
- Where outstanding fees remain unpaid and no arrangement has been made with the school, the account may be referred to our external Fees Collection Agency for recovery.
- The school's fee structure is reviewed annually.

Supporting Our Families
A decision to increase or restructure school fees is never made lightly. We are very conscious of the financial pressures facing many families and remain committed to keeping a Catholic education at St Carlo's as accessible and affordable as possible.

Please be assured that existing concessions and discounts for eligible families, including those holding a valid Health Care Card, will continue. We will also work compassionately with any family experiencing genuine financial difficulty.

At the same time, the timely payment of school fees and levies is essential in enabling St Carlo's to meet its financial obligations and continue providing the quality education, resources, programs and facilities our students enjoy.

If at any stage you are experiencing difficulty paying your school fees, I encourage you to contact me directly and confidentially so that we can discuss how the school may be able to assist.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding, support and commitment to St Carlo's.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Gleeson

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Principal