

Monday, February 5, 2018.

ST FIDELIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL FEES 2018

Dear Parents

Father Cartwright and I are very committed to keeping school fees as affordable as possible for all families. This year's fees average out at approximately \$40 a week over a full year. The majority of our funding comes from the Commonwealth Government, with some funding from the State Government. On average, a student in a Government Primary School is funded approximately \$12 442. A student in a Catholic School is funded \$9189. School fees are charged in Catholic Schools to make up the shortfall in Government funding, to enable us to cover our operational expenses.

- The Federal Government contributes 66% of our funding
- The Victorian Government contributes 19% of our funding
- The remaining 15% is collected through school fees

2018 SCHOOL FEES are \$1695 (per family)

- This amount is payable in full at the beginning of the year OR
- In three instalments of \$565.00 due at the beginning of terms 1, 2 and 3

CAPITAL LEVY \$50.00 (per Family) and is due at the commencement of the school year. This levy contributes towards the improvement and maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

STUDENT LEVY PER CHILD (Due at the commencement of the school year) is **\$295.00**

The student levy covers the purchase of materials for different subject areas such as English, Maths, Inquiry, Art, Computers and Physical Education.

EXCURSION LEVY PER CHILD (Due at the commencement of the school year) is **\$90.00**

This will cover the cost of incursions and excursions. This will not be refundable should your child be away on the day of the excursion. Transport costs for interschool sports are not included in the excursion levy. Children will be required to pay for these separately as the need arises.

GRADUATION LEVY \$20.00 (per child) and is charged to all children in Year Six. This levy covers their special excursion at the end of the year and their graduation photo.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP will cost approximately \$295.00 and will be charged separately.

Please note - **ALL FEES AND LEVIES ARE TO BE FINALISED BY NO LATER THAN THE END OF TERM THREE.**

FEE INFORMATION

- Accounts are generally sent home twice each term and prompt payment of the term fee is required.
- Method of payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS and EFT.
- Parents are liable for any bank charges in relation to dishonoured cheques, etc.
- Where non-payment of fees occurs, parents will be asked to attend an interview with the Parish Priest / Principal to discuss the issue. Any unpaid fees may be directed to our Fees Collection Agency for recovery.
- The fee structure is reviewed each year through consultation with the Parish Priest, Principal and School Accountant.

It is essential that school fees and levies are paid on time to enable the school to meet its financial obligations. We are committed to providing quality Catholic Education to all Catholic families in our Parish and if at any stage you are finding it difficult to pay school fees, I ask that you contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Gleeson.
PRINCIPAL