



Friday 3 November, 2023

## 2024 SCHOOL FEES & STUDENT LEVIES

Dear Families,

Please be assured that in determining the 2024 school fees and student levies structure, the first priority of our Catholic School is the provision of an affordable Catholic Education for all families, as we continue to aim to effectively deliver on our school's goals of maintaining educational excellence in a Catholic context.

At Sacred Heart Kew we are mindful of keeping our fees as low as responsibly possible. As such, over the last few years, not only have our family fees and student levies remained relatively constant, but we have also absorbed all cost increases whilst continuing to deliver a high standard of education. With this in mind, and in keeping with current CPI and external cost increases, our Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Finance Business Partner, in consultation with the School Principal and the School Advisory Council have ratified an increase of 3% to both our family fees and all levies next year. **Please know that it is only after careful consideration that this increase be applied, allowing us to maintain all current academic and extra-curricular activities that the school facilitates for the students and also maintain straight classes in individual year level groupings once again for 2024.**

### 2024 SCHOOL FEES

Fees for the year are charged on the basis of the number of children each family has at the school, and are made up as follows:

#### FAMILY FEES

Basic fee	(One child)	\$2,582
Basic fee	(Two or more children)	\$4,060
Gardens & Grounds levy	(per family)	\$217
Building levy	(per family)	\$853

*The building levy of \$853 for the year remains for every school family, and is not tax deductible.*

As has been the case in recent years, it is **not** our policy to reimburse any child who is absent from a chargeable activity.

**It is essential for all families to pay school fees and levies, so that the costs of running and maintaining the school can be met. Your cooperation and support is required in paying each account when issued.**



## STUDENT LEVIES

Student Levies are charged for various school activities undertaken during the school year. **These levies are per child, not per family.** They are spent directly on each child's curriculum needs, including: school texts and supplies, curriculum programs, classroom and art materials, photocopying, excursions and incursions, diaries, school camps, sport and swimming. As children in each level participate in different programs these levies may vary for different year levels.

As previously communicated, all children's booklists will be incorporated into the student levies (see below). Your child's booklist items will be waiting at school, ready for the start of the 2024 school year.

### 2024 STUDENT LEVIES

Prep	\$1,222 per child
Year 1	\$1,251 per child
Year 2	\$1,261 per child
Year 3	\$1,623 per child
Year 4	\$1,792 per child
Year 5	\$2,081 per child
Year 6	\$2,341 per child (includes Sailing program)

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT

- Sacred Heart Kew school fees are due in 3 payments
- This account covers, family fees and student levies for the entire 2024 school year

**The annual account for 2024 will be sent home in February with due dates for three payments to be made promptly in March, May and August.**

Accounts can be paid by EFTPOS, Mastercard or Visa as well as by cheque (made payable to Sacred Heart Primary School). A Direct Debit facility is also available: weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly on a date of your choice. Please contact the school office for relevant forms. If tendering cash please provide exact money as change is not kept on the premises.

1. *Families experiencing difficulty with payment must make early arrangements to meet with the Principal*
2. *Families in default are notified that the School will use the services of a Debt Collection Agency.*
3. *All bank dishonour fees and charges (howsoever caused by a lack of funds in the transferring account) will be added to the total amount owing to the school.*

We are most grateful for the cooperation and support of all our school families. This enables us to maintain our high standards in both the academic and physical aspects of the school, ensuring that the future of the Sacred Heart Kew school community remains bright.

Yours sincerely,

**Ed Weekes**

School Principal