



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

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2023 SCHOOL FEE & COLLECTION POLICY

FEES

The Tuition Fee covers the ongoing teaching, support and administration staffing costs of the School. The Other Fees cover the provision and maintenance of buildings, furniture and equipment, utilities such as power and water and the servicing of development loans.

There will be a 10% **decrease** in Tuition Fees in 2023. There are some small increases in Other Fees due to increases in actual costs, i.e., Athletics, Kindy Screening. There is no change to the Family charges. This fee is charged to each family based on the year level of the oldest child in the family.

Children from the same family attending the school receive a discount on the Tuition fee of 20% (second child), 40% (third child), and 100% (fourth and subsequent children). Other Fees and Family fee are not discounted.

Discounts on Tuition and other fees are available for current holders of Low-Income Health Care Cards and Pensioner Concession Cards. Please contact the Finance Officer to discuss.

Please note that if choosing to go on holiday during school term that fees are still payable during this period.

BILLING

All fees will be billed in one Annual Statement issued in February 2023. Fee Statements will be issued throughout the year detailing amounts paid and outstanding.

If not paying full fees upfront, it is preferred that caregivers arrange an instalment plan. There are a range of instalment and payment options available, including one, two, four or nine monthly instalments via BPAY, Direct Debit or Credit Card. It is requested that all fees are settled by 31 October 2023.

Instalment/payment options will be sent with the Initial School Fee Statement must be completed and return to our office, together with the payment authorisation if applicable, by the **24th of February 2023**. **A NEW Direct Debit authority must be completed every year**.

PAYMENT

The school is understanding of caregivers who are experiencing difficulties paying their fees. We kindly request that caregivers contact the school as soon as possible to make an appointment to see the Principal to discuss options regarding payment of fees. It is a general policy that no child will be refused enrolment from a Catholic school because of a family's *inability* to pay school fees

The school will regularly follow up overdue accounts and reserves the right to appoint a debt collector if reminder notices are ignored and/or payment arrangements have not been made with the school. This is done in fairness to families who do pay fees in accordance with the School's fee policy. Caregivers are responsible for any debt collection costs incurred.

Caregivers who wish to split their account between two parties must provide written advice to the School, signed by both parties, authorizing the account to be divided as directed. The authority should be returned to the Finance Officer by 31 January 2023.

APPLICATION FEE & ENROLMENT FEES

\$30 per application for enrolment - non-refundable.

On acceptance of a place, a \$200 Enrolment Fee is payable per family and will be deducted from the Annual Fee Statement once the eldest child enters Kindergarten.

FEE REVIEW DATE

The School reserves the right to alter, at any time, fees contained in this document. Fees are set by the school and reviewed by the School Advisory Committee annually for the commencement of the new school year.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that parents check their health and general policies to ensure adequate medical, personal property and liability insurance cover. Students when at the School are covered by the Catholic Church Insurance Student Accident Insurance Policy. This policy provides a limited cover only (excluding all Medicare services including the Medicare gap).

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL

A full term's notice of withdrawal must be given in writing to the Principal. Verbal notification is not considered due notice. Notice to withdraw a student at the start of next academic year must be given no later than the commencement of Term 4 the previous year. If due notice is not provided, one term of the current annual tuition must be paid. All tuition and levies are non refundable.

FULL FEE PAYING OVERSEAS STUDENTS (FFPOS)

We welcome enquires regarding the enrolment of FFPOS. It is strongly recommended that parents check their health and general policies to ensure adequate medical, personal property and liability insurance cover.

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