

### School Fee Information

The School Fee, the Student Fee and Capital Fee are reviewed by the school board annually after receiving advice from the Catholic Education office in Ballarat and are an important part of the school's overall financial plan.

#### School Fees

School fees are essential for the continued growth of our school as they are used to buy school equipment, maintain the buildings and pay for gas, electricity, etc. Not only are they a sign of your deliberate commitment to provide a Catholic Education for your child but they are also a prerequisite for the school if it is to be eligible for Government funding.

School Fees for 2020 are: Family Fee: \$1135.00

#### Student Fees

Student Fees are put towards the purchase of stationery and classroom materials, class texts, art craft materials, P.E & music resources, photocopy paper, the school year book, cultural levy for visiting performances and it also includes payment for the year's swimming program and camps.

**Costs for 2020 are:** F/1/2 \$360 Yr3 \$460 Yr4 \$580 Yr5 \$710 Yr6 \$1195

#### Capital & Maintenance Fee

This Capital Fee is charged per family and goes towards capital improvements the school has/will undertake

The maintenance fee is used to employ a maintenance person to complete maintenance jobs around the school.

Costs are: Capital Fee: \$200 per family

Maintenance \$50 per family

#### Conveyance Allowance

The Conveyance Allowance assists families with the cost of transporting their children to and from school. Where a private vehicle travels more than 4.8km to pick up or drop off students at a Contract or MRC bus pick up point, parents can apply for the reimbursement applicable through the Private Car Conveyance Allowance application.

For those students who travel on a St Patrick's or Mercy Regional College owned or chartered bus, instead of the College charging parents a fare for their child to travel on one of these buses, the College makes a claim to the Government for Conveyance Allowance on behalf of the parents of that child. This allowance then helps offset some of the cost of chartering buses to transport our student's.

Parents of children travelling on a St Patrick's or MRC owned/chartered bus are asked to complete the Private Bus Conveyance Allowance application.

#### Family Assistance Scheme

The Ballarat Diocese provides a Family Assistance Scheme to eligible families. To be eligible to receive the FAS, you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student, up to the age of sixteen; and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit with the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; and
- Submit your application to the school by the due date.

Any applications based on Centrelink payments that are not income tested (e.g. Carer Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance) are not eligible unless the claimant, in their own name, complies with the second dot point above

#### Tuition Fee Arrangements

Please select the preferred method for paying your School Fees. We please tick one of the boxes below in each section.

| PAYMENT OPTIONS          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Annual Payment (eg. Beginning of the year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Per Semester                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Per Term                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Monthly                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fortnightly                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Weekly                                     |

| PAYMENT METHOD           |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Internet Banking NAB- BSB No: 083-561   AIC No: 754103698                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Direct Debit [Form can be collected from the school office]              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Credit Card Authorisation [Form can be collected from the school office] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | At the school office [Cash, Cheque or Eftpos]                            |