

“Serve Him in Others”

ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE

SCHOOL FEES POLICY

Background:

St Joseph's College is a Catholic school funded from two main sources: government grants and school fees paid by parents/guardians. Financial support, in addition to Commonwealth and State Government grants, is essential to fund the expenditure necessary to provide high quality educational services, as Catholic school students receive, on average, less government funding than students in government schools.

Definitions:

School fees are to cover tuition and recurrent costs and to contribute to the capital expenditure of the College. Voluntary Building Fund donations are tax deductible and are directly reinvested into the College to improve the facilities available for the education of the students.

Rationale:

The College Mission Statement states, “St Joseph’s College is a Faith Community where Christian principles permeate all aspects of College Life.” The College is committed to doing all it can to support families in their desire to provide quality Catholic education for their children. It is important that all families make a sincere effort to meet their financial commitment to the College.

Gospel Values:

Community, Justice, Dignity, Compassion and Commitment.

Policy Statement:

Parents/Guardians are expected to pay fees within their financial capacity.

Consequences:

Students will continue to be given the opportunity to engage in a quality educational environment that is supported by adequate funding. Community members will feel confident to meet agreed financial commitments.

Guidelines:

Parents/Guardians who experience difficulty in meeting their financial commitment to the College are required to make early arrangements with the Principal to discuss an appropriate payment plan. This plan will be reviewed annually. The confidentiality of each family circumstance will be ensured.

Except where such special arrangements have been made with the Principal, collection of outstanding school fees may be conducted on a commercial basis.

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