

15th November, 2021

Dear Parents,

After consultation with Fr. Rene, our Parish Priest, Mr. Maurizio Mazza, our school accountant and the Parent Partnership Team, we have determined that school costs for 2022 will be:

SCHOOL FEES

\$1,260.00 per family per year – payable in three instalments of \$420.00 due in February, May and August. The school fees are the same for both schools in the Parish – St. Peter's, South West Sunshine and St. Paul's.

SCHOOL LEVIES

\$220.00 Levy per child Years P-6

This charge covers the cost of computer software and hardware and classroom supplies, such as art materials, books and paper. It also includes the cost of children's stationery supplies for the classroom.

OTHER LEVIES FOR 2022

Sacraments: Year 3 – \$30.00 (Catholics who receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist)

Extra-Curricular Activities: Excursions/incursions, compulsory swimming program for Prep, Junior Multi Age and Middle Multi Age and compulsory camp for Middle Multi Age and Senior Multi Age and outdoor education experience for Junior Multi Age. See the attached sheet for these levies which are per child.

Our senior students will also be required to pay for buses when travelling to other schools for interschool sport.

Due to the introduction of the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) in 2015, we have been required to group levies for swimming, excursions and outdoor education into one category – Extra-Curricular Activities. In 2022, parents/carers with Health Care Cards or Pensioner Concession Cards will continue to be able to apply for the CSEF. Please ensure you complete the relevant documentation so that you can receive the \$125.00 per child off your child's Extra-Curricular Activities Levy.

Due to the lasting effects of COVID-19, we have decided to reduce the usual 5% increase in school fees in the two parish schools. We understand the impact the pandemic has had on our families – we believe the \$45.00 increase in fees, approximately 3.7%, will help families in difficulty.

Accounts for school fees will be forwarded to all families as usual in February, May and August, 2022. Please remember that we have facilities for direct debits from bank accounts which give families the opportunity to make small regular payments throughout the year. We can also organise direct debits from any Centrelink payments you may receive. You can also pay using our credit card facilities.

If you have any queries regarding any of the arrangements detailed in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on 9363 1568 or speak to members of the Parent Partnership Team – Steve Briffa, Stephanie Martinez, Camelia Ghisa, Chloe Rodriguez, Rodi Sferopoulos, Lisa Nguyen, Effie Ross, Tania Ramos, Cathy Doran, Rhiannon Micallef, Michele Micallef and Mareta Parsons.

Yours sincerely,



Damian Casamento
Principal

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL – LEVIES AND SCHOOL FEES – 2022

SCHOOL FEES (PER FAMILY)

**SCHOOL FEES - \$1,260 PER FAMILY PER YEAR – \$420.00 PER INSTALMENT PAYMENT
INSTALMENT PAYMENTS DUE – FEBRUARY 11TH, MAY 6TH & AUGUST 5TH.**

LEVIES (PER CHILD)

<u>LEVY</u>	<u>PREP</u>	<u>JMA</u>	<u>MMA</u>	<u>SMA</u>
LEVY COST	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00
Sacrament Program	-	-	\$30.00	-
Extra-Curricular Activities	\$180.00	\$255.00	\$340.00	\$370.00
<u>TOTAL COST</u> (LEVY PLUS COMPULSORY COSTS)	\$400.00	\$475.00	\$590.00	\$590.00

THIS AMOUNT COVERS:-

- All stationery for children including books, pens, pencils.
- Art supplies, paper, scissors, paint and other materials.
- Cost of photocopying.
- Physical education/sports equipment.
- Library supplies and music materials.
- Upkeep and maintenance of language/reading materials used by the children.
- Upkeep/maintenance of computers and programs.
- Extra-Curricular Activities – Excursions, compulsory swimming program for Prep, Junior Multi Age and Middle Multi Age and compulsory camp for Middle Multi Age and Senior Multi Age and outdoor education experience for Junior Multi Age
- Sacraments for Middle Multi Age and Senior Multi Age Catholic Students.

THE LEVY AMOUNT DOES NOT COVER BUSES FOR SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

**THE LEVY IS TO BE PAID TO THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING
31ST JANUARY, 2022**

PLEASE NOTE: In 2022, parents/carers with Health Care Cards or Pensioner Concession Cards will be able to apply for the Camp, Sport & Excursion Fund (CSEF). Please ensure you complete the relevant documentation so that you can receive the \$125.00 per child off your child's Extra-Curricular Activities Levy.