

14th November, 2022

Dear Parents,

After consultation with Fr. Rene, our Parish Priest, Mr. Maurizio Mazza, our school accountant and the School Advisory Council, we have determined that school costs for 2023 will be:

SCHOOL FEES

\$1,335.00 per family per year – payable in three instalments of \$445.00 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

\$230.00 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 2023

Sacraments: Year 3 – \$30.00 (Catholics who receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist)
Year 5/6 – \$15.00 (Catholics who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation)

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 2023, 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.

Every Catholic school has a Capacity to Contribute (CtC) financial figure that we must collect in school fees. This figure is set by MACS (Catholic Education). We are currently well behind this figure. As a result, we have increased our school fees by \$75 this year, an increase of 6%. In the next 9 or 10 years, with a similar increase in school fees per year, we will match the CtC directive set by MACS.

Accounts for school fees will be forwarded to all families as usual in February, May and August, 2023. 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 School Advisory Council – Steve Briffa, Stephanie Martinez, Chloe Rodriguez, Lisa Nguyen, Effie Ross, Tania Ramos, Cathy Doran, Michele Micallef and Mareta Parsons.

Yours sincerely,



Damian Casamento
Principal