FEES POLICY

INTRODUCTION

St. Joseph’s School is responsible for all recurrent running costs. These costs are met through the payment of Fees and Levies. It should be noted that the cost of teachers’ salaries is met by the Catholic Education Office through the recurrent grants to non-Government schools by Government bodies.

RATIONALE

MISSION STATEMENT

"St Joseph’s School offers an holistic education within a Catholic Christian ethos whilst developing and valuing the uniqueness of the individual as we encourage each student to become a life long learner.”

The mission statement of St. Joseph’s School stresses the “Catholic Christian ethos” as the environment in which life in our community operates. As such, no section of the Community should be disadvantaged by the fee structure, whilst acknowledging the School requires resources to operate.

MERCY VALUES

Respect, dignity, mercy& justice, compassion and option for the poor.

DEFINITIONS

Fees: Those charges made to cover recurrent costs and the use of school facilities.

Levies: Those charges made to contribute to building capital costs, the supply of subject materials, technology upgrades and P & F works.

CONSEQUENCES

1. The School is able to sustain its responsibilities with regards to running costs and is able to maintain the quality of resources necessary to fulfil its obligations to meet the needs of the students enrolled.
2. The School determines the level of fees in order to meet these responsibilities.
3. As per the enrolment procedure, fees are payable by the signatories to the enrolment form joint and severally. If there is a change in circumstance as to the liability for payment, it is the responsibility of the signatories or guardians to advise of such a change, and have the enrolment form amended.
4. As a member of the St. Joseph’s School community each parent /caregiver is seen to be meeting his/her obligations.
5. The right of the student to quality education at St. Joseph’s confers an equal right of the School to receive the financial support of the family through the payment of fees and levies.
6. It is an issue of justice that parents/caregivers who do not fully meet their financial but have the capacity to do so will be pursued according to the School’s processes and procedures.
7. Those families who are experiencing genuine difficulty in meeting their financial
commitment to the School will have the opportunity to make arrangements regarding
concessions with the Principal. Any arrangements must be made on an annual basis. The
expectation is that some contribution will be made. Note: Special arrangements apply to fees.
Levies and building fund are expenses that cannot be reduced.

8. Families are entitled to be fully informed of fees and levy schedules for each upcoming year
and the status of accounts. School fees will be adjusted each year to a minimum degree that
corresponds to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as directed by CEO.

Michael McCarthy
Principal

Chris Haynes
Board Chairman

G:\Admin\Policies\Fees Policy\Fees Policy.doc 2007
Review 2012