FEES POLICY

INTRODUCTION

At St Joseph’s school fees and levies contribute to a significant proportion of the running costs of the school. These running costs include such items as Teaching and Learning Resources, Insurance and the Payment of Utilities.

It should be noted that the cost of teachers’ salaries is met by the Catholic Education Office through the recurrent Government grants to non-Government schools. The Catholic Education Office also distributes other grants to the school.

RATIONALE

MISSION STATEMENT

“St Joseph’s School offers a 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.

GOSPEL VALUES

Respect, personal dignity, individual worth, freedom, integrity, trust, justice, understanding, forgiveness, honesty, care, compassion.

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.

POLICY STATEMENT

The expectation within the St. Joseph’s Catholic School community is that parents/guardians fulfil, to the best of their financial ability, their responsibility to pay all Fees and Levies as charged by the School. Parents/Guardians should see the payment of their child/ren’s education as one of their main priorities.

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 emended.
4. As a member of the St. Joseph’s School community each parent/guardian 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/guardians who fully meet financial obligations should not be subsidising those who do not, but are capable of doing so.
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.
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.

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