



St. Finbar's Primary School

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20th November, 2023

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you of the School Fees and Levies for 2024. We have had to make some minor increases for 2024, to keep in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of around 3%.

The school business manager has explained that in administering the government grants provided to Catholic schools (both Primary and Secondary), the Catholic Education Office applies a predetermined grants allocation formula, and one component of that formula is the school families' "Capacity to Contribute."

The "Capacity to Contribute" figure is primarily comprised of family school fees and a smaller proportion is attributed to other income that the school receives through commissions, rents and bank interest. The "Capacity to Contribute" is set at a higher level and at higher increments from one year to the next, for schools with a higher socio economic index and this impacts directly on the grants funding that the school receives.

FAMILY SCHOOL FEE

In 2024 the Family School Fee for a one child family will be **\$2,600 per year** (\$650 per term) and for **2 or more children \$3,035 per year** (\$758.75 per term). The school's socio economic index (calculated from the national census data collected every 5 years) dictates the level of grant funding that the school is entitled to receive from the government. Schools with a higher socio economic index receive less government grant funding than schools with a lower socio economic index.

BUILDING LEVY

The building project undertaken throughout 2008 cost \$2.7 million, on an interest free loan for 20 years from Catholic Development Fund. The loan repayments must always be up to date to retain the interest subsidy. The compulsory levy was introduced in 2007. In 2024 it will be **\$711 per year**. This is a one-off payment generated on your term one account. As this is compulsory, it is not tax deductible, however if you wish to make an additional contribution to the School Building Fund, this voluntary amount attracts tax deductibility.

MAINTENANCE LEVY

At the end of 2010, the School Board approved a **\$64 Maintenance** (Working Bee) Levy. This levy is paid per family, per year and is shown on the term one account.

RESOURCES LEVY

The Resources Levy of **\$98 per year**, (\$24.50 per term) will be used directly by the school for ongoing re-sourcing and maintaining of school equipment. The levy alleviates the need for ongoing P & F fund raising.

CHROMEBOOK LEVY

A Chromebook levy of **\$142.00 per year** has been applied to all Year 3 – 6 students who will have a Chromebook for their own classroom use.

STUDENT LEVIES

Levies are paid per child and include the following:

- The Curriculum & Sport Levy includes Catholic Church Insurance, technology, excursions, swimming program and beach programs, Interhouse/Interschool Sport Program & buses, Year 5/6 Bayside Cluster program, Year 5 Speaking with Power, Year 5 Leadership day, F - 6 Swimming Carnival, Hoop Time.
- Sacramental Levy for Sacraments in Years 3, 4 and 6.
- Camp Levy for students in Years 3 – 6.
- Book Levy for Prep – Year 6.
- Chromebook Levy for Years 3 – 6 students.

2024 FEE SCHEDULE:

FAMILY FEE	
Per Family (<i>One child</i>)	\$2600
Per Family (<i>Two or more children</i>)	\$3035
BUILDING LEVY	
Per Family	\$711
MAINTENANCE LEVY	
Per Family	\$64
RESOURCES LEVY	
Per Family	\$98
TOTAL FAMILY FEES	\$3473 (one child) \$3908 (two or more children)
YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT LEVY ~ Per Student Please add relevant levy per students in family.
Prep	\$824
Year 1	\$824
Year 2	\$843
Year 3	\$1402
Year 4	\$1646
Year 5	\$1725
Year 6	\$2497

CAMP, SPORT & EXCURSION FUNDING (CSEF previously known as the EMA payment).

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$150 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

PAYMENT DATES

We are continuing with the payment structure of recent years, that invoices will be payable over each of the first three terms, usually within the first three weeks of the new term. No accounts will be sent in term four. This aids our accounting processes and eases the end of year cash flow. Parents may choose to pay:

- Full fees paid by 14th March 2024.
- Full fees paid per Term, (Term 1 – 16th February, Term 2 – 10th May and Term 3 – 2nd August).
- Full fees paid monthly in ten (10) equal instalments, (Feb – Nov, either 15th or 28th month).

INABILITY TO PAY SCHOOL FEES

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, you are asked to contact Ms Michelle Hill ~ Acting Principal to discuss the matter. **Please note that the Levies are NOT negotiable.**

Under the guidance of the Parish Finance Committee and the advice of our MACS school Business Manager, we believe that with the cooperation of parents in the payment of fees, we will provide the quality of education that you expect from St Finbar's school.

Yours Sincerely



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Michelle Hill
Acting Principal



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Payment of School Fees in 2024 Choice of Payment Option

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to:

1. Select one of the three options listed below.
2. Indicate how the payments will be made.
3. Sign the documents indicating the intention to pay the fees and return this document to the office by Friday 2nd February 2024.

1. Please tick one of the three options below

Option 1	Full fees paid by 14 th March 2024.	
Option 2	Full fees paid monthly in ten (10) equal instalments from 15 th or 28 th February until - 15 th or 28 th November, 2024.	
Option 3	Fees paid by the Term Full fees paid per Term, (Term 1 – 16 th February, Term 2 – 10 th May and Term 3 – 2 nd August, 2024).	

2. Proposed method of payment for Options 1, 2, or 3.

Please tick one of the boxes below

Cash Credit Card Internet
 (NO AMEX) transfer

St Finbar's Primary School
BSB: 083-347
A/C: 452 835 797

3. Credit Card details

Name on Card: Credit Card Type: VISA / MASTERCARD

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _

Signature:

Deducted on either 15th of month 28th of month
(please circle for 10 monthly instalments only)

4. Family Name: Eldest child: Year:

5. RETURN THIS DOCUMENT TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2024.

Please note: A **NEW PAYMENT PLAN** is required **EACH YEAR**. So if you wish to take advantage of the payment plan, please return this form by the due date. Thank you for your understanding.