



St. Finbar's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you of the School Fees and Levies for 2020.

St. Finbar's high socio economic index puts it at a government grant funding level of 7. There are a total of seven grant funding levels where level 1 grant funding is linked to schools with the lowest socio economic index providing them with the highest level of grant funding, whereas a grant funding level of 7 is linked to schools with the highest socio economic index providing them with the lowest level of grant funding.

The school accountant 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 2020 the Family School Fee for a one child family will be **\$2376 per year** (\$792 per term) and for **2 or more children \$2775 per year** (\$925 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 15 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 2020 it will be **\$690 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 **\$60 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 **\$90 per year**, (\$30 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 **\$130 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 Tri-School program, Year 5 Speaking with Power, Year 5 Leadership day, Year 4 & 5 Life Skills program, F - 6 Swimming Carnival, Hoop Time, Life Ed Van.
- 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.

2020 FEE SCHEDULE:

FAMILY FEE	
Per Family (<i>One child</i>)	\$2376
Per Family (<i>Two or more children</i>)	\$2775
BUILDING LEVY	
Per Family	\$690
MAINTENANCE LEVY	
Per Family	\$60
RESOURCES LEVY	
Per Family	\$90
TOTAL FAMILY FEES	\$3216 (one child) \$3615 (two or more children)
YEAR LEVEL	STUDENT LEVY ~ Per Student Please add relevant levy per students in family.
Prep	\$722
Year 1	\$722
Year 2	\$740
Year 3	\$1190
Year 4	\$1375
Year 5	\$1600
Year 6	\$2045

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. \$125 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 13th March 2020.**
- **Full fees paid per Term, (Term 1 – 14th February, Term 2 – 24th April and Term 3 – 24th July).**
- **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 Mr Pat Berlingeri ~ 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 school accountant Mr. James Manche, 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



Fr Ian Ranson
Parish Priest



Mr. Pat Berlingeri
Principal



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Payment of School Fees in 2020 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 7th February 2020.

1. Please tick one of the three options below

Option 1	Full fees paid by 13 th March 2020.	
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, 2020.	
Option 3	Fees paid by the Term Full fees paid per Term, (Term 1 – 14 th February, Term 2 – 24 th April and Term 3 – 24 th July).	

2. Proposed method of payment for Options 1, 2, or 3. Please tick one of the boxes below

Cash Cheque Credit Card Internet transfer
(NO AMEX)

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 7th FEBRUARY 2020.

Please note: A **NEW PAYMENT PLAN** is required **EACH YEAR** as the office does not have the authority to carry over any details from year to 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.