

Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: 2026 Annual Tuition Fee

I am writing to provide you with details of changes in tuition fees for the 2026 academic year.

A decision to adjust tuition fees is never made lightly, nor without careful and thorough consideration of our students' needs and our school's capacity to provide an education experience that supports every student to flourish. We are also cognisant of the financial pressures that many families have experienced this year.

The cost of operating our school is increasing in multiple areas including wages, insurance premiums, regulatory and compliance costs, risk management, teacher resources and professional learning.

Our tuition fees at Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School are also influenced by the Commonwealth Department of Education's calculation of our community's ability to financially contribute to the operating costs of our school, known as the Capacity to Contribute, or CTC, which is reviewed annually.

To ensure that we can continue to deliver a personalised, high-quality education that is responsive to the diverse interests and academic, social and emotional needs of our students, it is necessary to periodically review and adjust our fees.

As a result, Mother Teresa's annual school fee for 2026 will be \$1,955.00. This is an increase of \$145.00 based on 2025 fees.

The Curriculum levy per child in 2026 will be \$475.00. This levy will include all stationary items so parents will not be required to purchase any 'School Book Pack' items themselves as the curriculum levy increase now covers these items.

Attached to this letter is the 2026 Fees & Levies letter attached which includes the breakdown of the fees structure as well as the curriculum level for the 2026 school year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the fee increase, or wish to discuss your individual circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me. We remain committed to keeping tuition fees as low and affordable as possible, and to working closely with our community to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Looking ahead, we also want to let you know that from 2027 we will be moving to the MACS tiered family fee model already in use in other Catholic school systems. The change to a tiered family fee in which the total a family pays will be adjusted according to how many children they have enrolled at the school is fairer for all families and ensures our school remains on a strong and sustainable footing. This model is designed to balance being fair and sustainable for our school without placing an undue burden on families.

I am committed to keeping you informed and supported through any future changes and will be in touch with more information about this change in future.

Thank you for your understanding. I am grateful for your ongoing support and trust in our school.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Jess Davis
Principal



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