Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### 2026 School Fee Changes

During Term 3, a focus for St Peter's Primary School was the preparation of the 2026 school budget. This work aimed to ensure we can continue to provide the best education for your child and protect the financial sustainability of the school.

The main factor influencing St Peter's Primary School is the government funding model that determines our fees are based on student needs and calculated on a Direct Measure of Income (DMI) score.

This has resulted in an overall **4%** increase in the school tuition fees and a **5%** increase in capital levy fees for 2026.

Sibling tuition fees will be as follows:

1st child
2nd child
3rd child
3rd child
40% tuition fee charged
40% tuition fee charged
4th child
20% tuition fee charged
Additional children
100% tuition fee charged
40% tuition fee charged
no tuition fee charged

An explanation of each levy is as follows:

# **Capital Levy**

This levy is used to finance significant loan repayments as part of our Master Plan. The on-going improving and refurbishing at St. Peter's enables us to continue to offer quality education in a supportive and contemporary learning environment.

# Parents & Friends Levy

This levy ensures that there is an equitable contribution of all families to the activities of the Parents & Friends Advisory Group in support of our school. The income received is spent on projects and events in consultation with the school and in alignment with our school's vision.

## **Student Levy**

This levy supports the costs of incursions & excursions, additional classroom resources, library resources, sport activities & development, iPad program and technology resources and support, and the music immersion program.

### **Camp Levy**

This levy covers all food, accommodation, and activities for all Year 5 students to attend camp. The amount is an estimate only and the actual cost is billed at the time of the camp.

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#### Year 6 Canberra Trip

Details of the trip to Canberra has been presented to the families of our 2025 Year 5 students for their upcoming Year 6 Canberra trip. Payments for this trip are to be made in instalments via QKR.

Fee accounts are issued each term, and all payments are due within 14 days of the issue date. The due date will be shown on the fee statement.

Those families wishing to pay by instalments, must have a direct debit payment plan in place. For your convenience, payments can be made by using regular direct payments from your bank or credit card accounts at no extra cost. For those existing families on existing direct debit agreements in 2025, you will need to renew your direct debit in 2026. If you would like to start a new payment arrangement, direct debit forms are available on our parent portal and school website. Please return your completed forms to the school office at your earliest convenience. Payments can also be made in full by the due date each term.

Credit card payments can also be made via BPOINT from the parent portal, school website or link sent with term invoices via email. Payments can also be made via the BPAY details on your statement or in person at the office by EFTPOS.

I appreciate that an increase in fees can be difficult for some families. If you have any concerns about the 2026 school fees, please contact the school to discuss your family's circumstances. All requests are treated with complete confidentiality by all parties.

St Peter's Primary School has been ATO approved to receive voluntary school building fund donations. These donations are 100% tax deductible. There is also the ability to donate to our St Peter's Parish, a suggested amount is \$12.50 per term, however this is purely a donation and not tax deductible.

Please find attached the schedule of fees and levies for next year. Our school fee policy can be found on our website.

If you have any queries regarding your school fees, please direct your enquiries procfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au or by phone to our Finance Officer, Deb on 3341 4800.

Kind Regards

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