

90 Seconds with the Principal

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“War is the killing of human beings. Who can even think that it could ever be ‘just?’”

Mother Teresa

Supervision

Morning supervision begins at 8.05am. Some mornings children are arriving at school before this time. **If you need to drop your children early in the morning due to work commitments please look into before school care.**



Mother Teresa is Jumping Up and Down

On the 11th November we stopped to commemorate those who have suffered and sacrificed in war. Our faith calls us to be people of and for peace. Today in our world hundreds of thousands of people are in fear for their safety and their future. They fear for the life of their children. Many reached out desperately to Australia for sanctuary, their mistake? They came by boat. There are over 220 children held in detention by our Government at this time. We believe that no child should be in detention. On Friday at 12 noon, after mediation our school community will be jumping up and down to send a message to “Free the children” As the words of the song say “ My child, your child, one child.”

For more information, [Click Here](#)

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Leave during School Term

Just a reminder that if you intend to take leave with your child / children during the school term, you must notify the school 2 weeks prior to taking leave. If you are taking **9 days or less**, a letter must be sent to the school office. If you are taking **10 days or more**, a form must be completed (this can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from the school website) and returned to the school office.

Further information can be found on the school website.

World Youth Day Tickets

Just a reminder that World Youth Day tickets need to be returned by **Monday, 7th December 2015**. Please return all ticket booklets (including unsold).

If you have sold all your tickets and would like to sell more, please contact the office as we have some spare booklets.

Important Dates:

Friday, 20th November is Crazy Hat Day

Your donation will assist those in Tagbilaran- in the Philippines, where an earthquake devastated 7 parishes in 2013. Your money will go to rebuild childhood centres, primary schools, women’s refuges and orphanages to name a few.

Friday, 20th November to Wednesday, 2nd December

We turn our attention to those in need this Christmas with our gifts of festive food and children’s gifts for our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Canteen Price List

2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around long term government funding for Catholic schools. Indications are that federal government funding for education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives to improve student learning, including:

- literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus160, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
- increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural and emotional needs
- improving our learning spaces, technology and infrastructure
- building new schools and expanding existing schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements

We are committed to ensuring that **no child will be refused enrolment due to a family's financial situation**. There are a range of scholarship and support programs to assist families including:

- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- Fee arrangements and discounts
- The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Indigenous families

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

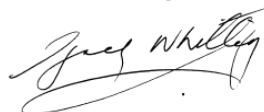
Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by \$33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be \$735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. **If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal.** We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows:

Annual Fees		1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Tuition Fee Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,098	\$825	\$549
	Years 1 - 6	\$1,419	\$1,065	\$711
Tuition Fee Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$1,968	\$1,476	\$984
	Years 9 -10	\$2,184	\$1,638	\$1,092
	Years 11 - 12	\$2,790	\$2,094	\$1,395