



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

24 September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: 0% fee increase for 2021

I am writing to provide you with an important update for the 2021 school year.

I would like to thank you for the contribution you make to your child's education and our school community through the fees you pay. Decisions around school fees always consider accessibility and affordability, to ensure that all families who seek a Catholic education for their child can access one.

Any fee increases at St Cecilia's, like other Catholic schools, are made within limits set by our governing body, the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA), with affordability in mind.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the current recession, CECWA decided in their September meeting that Catholic schools would not increase fees for 2021. Many families have been and may continue to be affected financially by the events of this year and the state of the economy, and this decision seeks to provide some certainty and support during a challenging time.

Please note that St Cecilia's will be aligning its sibling's discount to reflect CECWA's policy. This means that the second sibling will receive a 20% discount instead of 25%. The third sibling will receive a 40% discount instead of 50%. The fourth sibling remains unchanged at 100% discount. A 2021 Fee Schedule along with our new 'School Fees: Setting and Collection Policy', will be available on our website from the beginning of Term Four.

I would also like to remind all of our school families that we continue to guarantee the enrolment of your child, irrespective of your financial position. In addition to our long-standing affordability measures including family discounts and the Health Care Card Discount Scheme, the school can make arrangements with any families who are experiencing financial hardship. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss your own situation; any arrangements made between parents/caregivers and the school will remain confidential.

Fees are an important part of our school's income, which, along with government education funding and the support available to our school as part of the Catholic Education Western Australia system, ensure that our school can continue to focus on providing outstanding education and faith formation for our students.

Yours sincerely

Mr Robert Palladino
Principal

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