HOW YOUR FEES WORK FOR ST JOSEPH’S

Fees and levies cover:

**Tuition Fee** is used for administration costs for the general running of the school, such as rates, electricity, telephone, insurance, contract cleaning, security, salaries etc.

**Archdiocesan Education Levy** is provided by the Brisbane Catholic Education Office for the many services provided to schools that come under their jurisdiction. $20.00 of this amount is contributed to the Catholic Futures Fund for land purchase for future school development within the Archdiocese.

**Building Fund Levy** is used to finance significant loan repayments as part of our Master Plan. The on-going improving and refurbishing of the school environment is a necessary and a mandatory part of school life today to enable St Joseph’s to continue to offer quality education in a supportive learning environment. The level of contribution has been set at $726 per annum for 2014, as we continue to improve and “future-proof” our school in line with up to date learning and physical environments for our children in the 21st century.

**Services Levy** (per student) provides a budget to engage the many services required as part of school life, eg:

a. Swimming tuition and travel costs
b. Arts program
c. Sport expenses and sports subscriptions
d. Specialists visits
e. Excursions

**Resource and Maintenance Levy** (per student) covers:

a. Purchase of general resources and consumables for the whole school and classroom use, as well as purchase of library books.
b. Payment of IT technician to maintain school network
c. Purchase and update of hardware and software for our wireless computers and classrooms.
d. Maintenance of buildings and grounds.
e. Maintenance of air conditioners

**Prep Levy** of $450 per family is a contribution toward the salaries of school officers and resources for the Prep classes and is invoiced to Prep families only.
Dear Parents

This 2014 fee schedule has been developed in consultation with Father Peter Brannelly and the Principals of the Jubilee Catholic Primary Schools. It takes into account the priorities highlighted within our School Renewal Plan and the fee and levy recommendations from the Catholic Education Council for the 2014 school year. While we have tried to keep increases to a CPI 2.1% increase in most areas, a slightly higher increase will impact on Resources & Maintenance Levy and Services Levy.

Commonwealth and State Governments provide Catholic Schools with approximately 84% of the average annual cost of educating a student. This is done by determining the average amount spent by government to fund a state school student then applying the percentage. Fundraising, donations and other income raised by state school communities are not taken into account when determining the amount.

Fees and levies charged by Catholic schools go towards making up the difference, and more importantly, to help ensure we can provide a high quality Catholic education for your child.

This pamphlet outlines our Fees and Levies Schedule for 2014.

We value you as a member of our community and the contributions you are making towards the success of St Joseph’s, and therefore your child’s education.

Carolyn Hayes  Fr Peter Brannelly
Principal  Parish Priest

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Per Year  
$2548.50  $3675.00  $4798.50

Per Term (4 terms)  
$637.12  $918.75  $1199.62

Per Month (10 months)  
$254.85  $367.50  $479.85

Per fortnight (20fns)  
$127.42  $183.75  $239.92

Prep Levy (to be added to total)  
$450.00 per family per year

Payment of accounts:
Accounts are issued at the beginning of each term, and payment is due by the date shown on the account. Payment can be made by Eftpos, BPay, Credit Card, cheque or cash. Direct Debit facilities are also available – please enquire at the office. Families who are unable to meet their fee and levy payments by the due date are asked to contact the Finance Secretary. Families who are experiencing severe financial hardship are asked to contact the Principal for a confidential discussion and to make appropriate arrangements.