Dear Parents

2014 SCHOOL FEES

Please find below the 2014 School Fee Schedule for Good Shepherd. You will note that the fees have been raised slightly when compared to this year's schedule.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION FEES
This particular fee is set by the Catholic Education Commission and is normally raised each year to reflect CPI increases. The school retains only a small portion of this fee. The Catholic Education Office retains the majority of the collected amount. The Catholic Education Commission has set Archdiocesan School Fees for 2013.

Tuition Fee Per Term
First child $307.00
Second child – 70% discount $92.10
Third child – 80% discount $61.40
Fourth child No Charge

A further 20% discount applies to the first child fee where there is a sibling in one of the following systemic secondary colleges: John Paul College, Merici College, St Clare’s College, St Francis Xavier College and St Mary MacKillop College. A separate letter requesting information on siblings at a systemic secondary school is enclosed for your completion and return by Monday, 9 December 2013.

Building Fund per Family per Term $146.00

The Building Fund is a tax deductible contribution payable by the eldest child at a systemic school.

Please note that Marist, St Edmunds and Daramalan are NOT systemic schools.

SCHOOL BASED FEES
Our Community Council was particularly mindful of the ever-increasing financial burdens which are placed upon our families, and for that reason only the School Services Fee has had to be increased.

Per Child/ren per Term
School Services Fee $180.00 1 x child (Cleaning, electricity, water, gas, security, waste management, loan repayments, etc)
$238.00 2 x children
$278.00 3 x children
Resource Fee $45.00 (Books, stationery, paper, consumables)
Enrichment Fee $30.00 (Excursions, incursions, Mathletics, Reading Eggs, enrichment)
ICT Fee $35.00 (Computers, internet charges, resources)
Other Fees per term

Swimming $20.00
Year 4 Camp $45.00
Year 5 Camp $70.00
Year 6 Camp $80.00

School Fee Calculator
An automatic school fee calculator is attached to this week’s Newsletter for you to download. (You may need to enable editing.) This calculator will make it easier for you to work out your school fees for 2014. Simply put in the number of children you have, with the year levels they are in and your fees will automatically be calculated for you.

Direct Debit
Attached to the Newsletter is a new Direct Debit form for those families who would like to pay their fees by Direct Debit. Also attached is a Direct Debit Alteration form for the families to increase their current Direct Debit. It is very important to note that the school only facilities Direct Debits for parents. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure that the debit is taken out of your account on the correct date, the correct amount is being debited and that the amount will cover all of the school fees. A school fee statement is sent out each term and it is the parent’s responsibility to monitor fee repayments.

Systemic Secondary College Discount
Also attached is a letter detailing a change to the CEO Tuition Fee for families who have an older sibling in a systemic secondary school. This letter needs to be completed and returned to the school to enable you to receive the discount.

Fee Remission
Early next year I will write to you again outlining the procedures that are in place for families requesting a fee remission. Similar to a high school fee remission model, parents will be requested to complete a budget sheet indicating your current financial situation and be supported by documentation. The Good Shepherd Finance Committee will then assess the information and consider your request on its merits.

If you have any questions or queries regarding school fees for 2014, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Anne McKenna, our school bursar.

Yours sincerely

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Principal