3 December 2015

Dear Parents

2016 SCHOOL FEES

Please find below the 2016 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 2016.

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<td>First child</td>
<td>$326.00</td>
<td>$184.00 1 x child</td>
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<td>Second child – 70% discount</td>
<td>$97.80</td>
<td>$243.00 2 x children</td>
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<td>Third child – 80% discount</td>
<td>$65.20</td>
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<td>Fourth child</td>
<td>No Charge</td>
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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. If you haven’t yet completed and return a Systemic Discount form, please do so immediately. If you do not return the form to school, you will not receive the discount. Only families who have older children in a systemic High School need to complete this form.

Building Fund per Family per Term $158.00

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, there have been minimal increases in school fees, and no increase in the Enrichment Levy. The Council has introduced a School Community Levy for 2016. This is in lieu of any fundraising activity and is charged per family.

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St Mary MacKillop College.
Resource Fee $46.00 (Books, stationery, paper, consumables)
Enrichment Fee $30.00 (Excursions, incursions, Reading Eggs, Mathletics, enrichment)
ICT Fee $36.00 (Computers, internet charges, resources and ICT infrastructure)

**Other Fees per term**
- Swimming $20.00
- Year 4 Camp $50.00
- Year 5 Camp $80.00
- Year 6 Camp $80.00

**Per Family per Term**
- School Community Levy $30.00

**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 2016. 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. **Please note that if you have fees outstanding from the previous year, you will need to add this amount to the 2016 school fees to calculate your payments. If you have outstanding school fees, and you haven’t made previous arrangements with the school, you are breaking your legal obligation to the school. All measures will be taken by the school to recoup the fees.**

**QKr! By MasterCard**
The school is operating QKr! by MasterCard (which is an App for your smart phone/tablet) to enable parents to pay their school fees or any other payment to the school very easily. It is a very simple and safe method of payment. A detailed instruction guide is also attached the Newsletter. **This is the school's preferred method of payment.**

**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 facilitates Direct Debits for parents, and it is your responsibility to calculate your direct debit deductions. Please check your bank statement 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 for your information. Please note that any Direct Debits that haven't been updated to cover 2016 school fees will be automatically altered in the New Year by the school. Change of Direct Debit forms need to be returned to the school no later than Wednesday, 9 December 2015.**

**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 using guidelines set by the Catholic Education. Early next year a notice will be put in the Newsletter asking for you to complete an application form if you need assistance.

If you have any questions or queries regarding school fees for 2016, please do not hesitate to contact Graham Pollard, Principal or Anne McKenna, School Bursar.

Yours sincerely

Graham Pollard
Principal