

Catholic Education Office
DIOCESE OF BATHURST

2017 School Fee and Sibling Discount Structure

Dear Parents

I am writing to update you on the changes to school fees in 2017.

I am pleased to say that we are streamlining the way we structure school fees by introducing a single fee called the **School Fee**. The **School Fee** will cover all compulsory and curriculum based charges for your child's specific year group. It also means that the sibling discount you may receive will now be applied to the entire portion of your **School Fee** rather than only the tuition portion that was previously the situation.

What does this mean for families?

As a result, no family will be worse off by the change in the **School Fee** structure. Some larger families may experience a reduction in fees, due to the sibling discount being applied to the **School Fee** amount.

Optional/ad hoc activities such as music and representative sport will continue to be charged separately. The **School Fee** will not include elective specific materials/excursions for secondary students, which will also be charged separately.

The **School Fee** will include year group specific excursions, retreats and activities.

As a result of the rise associated with educational costs, a 2 per cent increase to school fees will be applied in 2017.

As in previous years, the Diocesan Capital Works Levy will be charged per family and is additional to the **School Fee**. It will appear on the invoice of your eldest child. In 2017, the Levy will be \$543 per family.

Over the page, you will see the Fee Schedule for your school for 2017.

I would like to reiterate that no family will be worse off as a result of the change being made to how your school fees are structured.

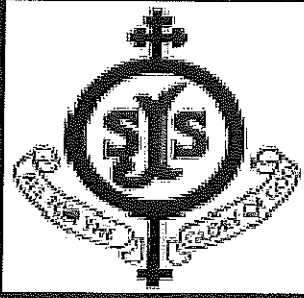
If your family is suffering particular hardship, please contact your school to see how we can help. Families who are currently receiving a fee concession will not see this arrangement differ as a result of the change to the **School Fee** structure. Payment plans are available for all families.

For further information or if you have any questions about the changes, I encourage you to contact your school immediately, who will be able to assist you.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Education.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Allen
Director of Schools



St Joseph's Catholic School Oberon

Fee Schedule 2017

| Year Group | Yearly Total | Additional Information | Term Total |
|--------------|--------------|------------------------|------------|
| Kindergarten | \$1,305.00 | | \$ 435.00 |
| Yr 1 | \$1,308.00 | | \$ 436.00 |
| Yr 2 | \$1,308.00 | | \$ 436.00 |
| Yr 3 | \$1,323.00 | | \$ 441.00 |
| Yr 4 | \$1,323.00 | | \$ 441.00 |
| Yr 5 | \$1,677.00 | Includes Camp | \$ 559.00 |
| Yr 6 | \$1,677.00 | Includes Camp | \$ 559.00 |

The 2017 "School Fee" covers all compulsory and curriculum based charges for your child's specific year group and will include costs of excursions/retreats for the year group and year group activities.

Sibling Discount:

The sibling discount is only applicable to the "School fee".

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| 2nd Child | 15% discount |
| 3rd Child | 30% discount |
| 4th and over | 45% discount |

Other Charges:

Diocesan Capital Works Levy:

The Diocesan capital works levy will appear on the invoice of the eldest child.

| 2017 Levy | Annual Total | Additional Information | Term Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------|
| Capital Works Levy 2017 | \$543.00 | per family | \$181.00 |

Not included in the "School Fee" is elective specific materials and excursion costs which will be billed separately.

These fees do not include optional and ad hoc activities such as music and representative sport.

These will be charged separately.

Term amounts are billed over the first three terms of the school year.

Payment plans are available as indicated on your invoice.