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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2021 FEES, ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS AND COVID FEE RELIEF

I am delighted to confirm that **fees will not increase** in 2021. Under our new fee schedule, no family will pay more than they would have under the 2020 fee schedule.

2020 has been a very difficult year for families across our Diocese and, coupled with our commitment that no family will be denied a Catholic education because of financial difficulties, we are increasing sibling discounts and will continue to offer one of the most generous fee relief packages to all families in 2021. The discounts comprise of the following:

- Maintenance of the COVID Fee Relief program up until the end of Term 1 for those on JobKeeper and until the end of Term 3 for those on JobSeeker. Any family requiring further support beyond Term 3 will be offered additional assistance at that time. If you are not on JobKeeper or JobSeeker and may require support, please contact our Fee Support Team on schoolfees@dbb.catholic.edu.au or phone +61 2 9847 0728.
- For 2021 only, further pandemic support will be offered by way of an increased 5% sibling discount on the Education Fee for the second and third child (from 20% to 25% for the second child and 50% to 55% for the third child). The 4th child will receive 100% discount on the Education Fee.

The 2021 fee schedule for Sacred Heart Mona Vale is found [here](#).

NEW STREAMLINED INVOICING

After consultation with families across our system, we will be issuing clear and easy to read invoices. Your next invoice will reflect a **single Education Fee** (merging the previously separated fees of: Tuition; Building Levy; School Resource Fee and other locally determined fees). The Education Fee is inclusive and covers the cost of delivering an education to your child. It supplements the income received from the Commonwealth and State Governments. The Education Fee is paid per child and is eligible for the sibling discounts offered to you if you have more than one child in our system of Catholic schools. Previously only the Tuition fee was eligible for sibling discounts.

Some schools may also charge a **Supplementary Fee** in instances where a particular year group is charged for a compulsory activity that will enhance the educational experience of your child/ren. This may include items such as an overnight camp or retreat, or where there are specific costs related to particular subject choices in secondary colleges.

Any applicable discounts will be itemised as a separate line item. The attached infograph shows the comparative changes to your invoice. If you have any questions regarding the new fees schedule, please forward your enquiry to our fee liaison unit at schoolfees@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call +61 2 9847 0728.

TOWARDS 2025 KEY INITIATIVES

In 2020, Bishop Anthony and Danny Casey launched the strategic vision (*Towards 2025*) for our Diocesan School system. I am encouraged by a number of initiatives arising from the new strategy that will directly support our school and will benefit all our families during 2021 and beyond. Sacred Heart is excited to be part of a system that is poised for growth.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

During 2021, our teaching staff will continue to focus on ensuring success for students in all aspects of their learning, providing greater opportunities for you to become more involved in your child/ren's education. Significant steps have been made to ensure that staff at Sacred Heart are committed to the learning needs of your children. Where possible, we have increased the number of permanent roles. This will remain a priority going forward to ensure that we keep the best teachers in our school.

FACILITIES


In 2021, we will be commencing assessments on how we use the spaces available at Sacred Heart to enhance and create flexible and modern learning environments for your child/ren. In addition, improved long term site planning and capital works will be a high priority to support the delivery of quality education for all our students.

K-12 ENROLMENT

In response to requests for a K-12 enrolment offer, CSBB will trial this option during 2021. This will provide you with some surety around enrolment in our **systemic secondary colleges**. This enrolment process will involve only having to provide one enrolment form in primary school and a simple updating process to ensure their continued enrolment into one of our systemic secondary colleges.

I would like to thank you all for your support during 2020 and hope that during this break you have the opportunity to rest and refresh ready for what we hope is a much brighter year, free from all the challenges of 2020. I take this opportunity to wish you and your family every blessing for Christmas.

Yours Sincerely,



Suellen Garey
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