



# ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MONTO

## 2021 SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES

### School Fee Assistance:

Our Catholic Education policy on school fees states that, no student should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents/carers/guardians to pay the prescribed fees.

Families with more than one child in the same or other primary or secondary Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton, receive fee discounts as described in the 2020 Tuition Fee Schedule above.

In 2017 a Concession Card Discount was introduced to further support families in our schools. Parents/carers with an eligible means-tested Australian government health care or pensioner concession card will automatically receive a 70% discount on tuition fees. See Fee Discounts and Concession Card Discount FAQs for further information.

Furthermore, new or existing parents, who are experiencing financial hardship, and may or may not hold a concession card, are encouraged to discuss alternate fee discounts directly with their school principal, who will treat the situation confidentially.

### Why School Fees are necessary?

Federal and State government acknowledge the right of parents to choose the school which best suits their children's needs for educational, religious, cultural or other reasons.

However, in comparison with funds spent on children in government schools, government funds committed to non-government schools remain limited. Your contribution through school fees is essential to the continued operation of your Catholic school.

### 2021 Tuition Fee Schedule

#### Tuition Fee Per Student

#### Diocesan Primary Schools - Building Levy \$384.00 per family per year

Each family will be charged a building levy of \$96.00 per term in conjunction with

Students in Catholic Schools	One	Two	Three	Four or more
<b>Discount Percentage</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>35.0%</b>	<b>50%</b>
PRIMARY—per week	\$33.00	\$28.88	\$21.45	\$16.50
PRIMARY—per term	\$330.00	\$288.88	\$214.50	\$165.00
PRIMARY—per year	\$1320.00	\$1155.00	\$858.00	\$660.00

normal school fee billings. As this forms a collectable part of school fees, no tax deduction is possible.

### School-Based Levies

**Consumables Levy** - \$70 per student per year.

This levy covers curriculum resources, library books and printing costs. The School Board sets this levy—to be no greater than 25% of the non-discounted tuition fees per student.

**Technology Levy**—\$90 single student family or \$150 per two or more children per year. This levy is used to maintain and improve the standard of technology resources in our school. The levy is not included as part of the 25% as in general levies.

**Parents and Friends Levy**—\$25 per family per term.

This levy is used primarily to maintain and improve the standard of resourcing in our school. Each family will be charged \$25 per term. Our P&F Association believes that the most fair and equitable way to realise funds required to resource the school is by means of a levy system in place of major fundraising.

### School Fee Assistance:

If you require further assistance, the Catholic Education—Diocese of Rockhampton 'Fees and Levies' policy states: "No students should be excluded from a Catholic School because of the inability of their parents to pay the prescribed fee—in whole or in part."

Families may be eligible for school fee assistance under the **Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount** and/or the **Principal's Concession Scheme**.

#### **Concession Card Tuition Fee Discount**

A 70% Tuition Fee Discount is available for 'means tested' government Health Care and Pensioner Concession cards. These cards must meet eligibility criteria for this concession to apply.

#### **Principal's Concession Scheme**

Total or partial exemption from the payment of fees and levies is available on application to the Principal to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

#### **For further information:**

Details are available from the school or by contacting your Principal.