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## ACCOUNT NOTICE FOR 2026

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Dear Parents,

In consultation with the School Board, School Fees and Curriculum Levies have been set for 2026.

As always we understand the ever increasing financial pressures on families and strive to balance those pressures with the financial obligations of the school.

### Curriculum Levy for 2026

**Years P – 2:           \$580.00 per student**  
**Years 3 – 4:           \$560.00 per student**  
**Years 5 – 6:           \$600.00 per student**

### School Fees for 2026

**Family with one child:                   \$1,750.00 per family, per year**  
**Family with two or more children:    \$1,950.00 per family, per year**

### School Development Fund

**\$260.00 per family** (Annual payment to fund school improvement initiatives)

To assist families to meet their commitments, we have changed our payment structure for 2026.

One invoice will be raised at the start of the 2026 school year.

Payment is to be made in 3 instalments – each instalment equal to one third of the combined fees, levies and building fund. *Please round payments up.*

### **Fee payment dates:**

**Term 1.   Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Term 2.   Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Term 3.   Final Payment date : Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

In addition to the above, parents are required to provide the following items per child: one art smock (can be an old over-sized shirt), one library bag – drawstring type (waterproof preferable) and a large box of tissues.

All books and stationery will be ready in the classroom for student use at the beginning of the 2026 school year.

**Curriculum Levies** account for recurrent curriculum expenses. Some examples of these costs are:

- classroom books and stationery;
- water awareness program for Years Prep to 2;
- sports and excursions – hiring of venues, buses, entry fees, etc;
- inter-school sports for Years 5 and 6 (additional bus hire)
- licenses, memberships and subscriptions;
- the upgrade of resources and curriculum requisites such as those needed for literacy, mathematics, library, science and technology, etc;
- other recurrent curriculum expenses as arise from time to time.

We highly recommend Direct Debit for its convenience. Many of our families currently have Direct Debit plans in place. If you would like to take advantage of our Direct Debit facility, please collect a form at the office. Just nominate the \$ amount to be debited from your account and the payment frequency – i.e. weekly, fortnightly or monthly. We also ask you to nominate a start and end date. Once in place, amendments or adjustments can be made, but must be in writing.

*Note: All accounts paid via Direct Debit (unless payments are ongoing) are to be finalized by 1 November 2026.*

**School Development Fund** – this is an annual payment of \$260.00 per family to assist with the funding of school improvement initiatives such as playground improvements and facility upgrades.

### **CSEF 2026 (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)**

Families who hold a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card or Veterans Affairs Gold Card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) allowance of \$400.00 per child. *Note: If you applied in 2025, you do not need to re-apply. All current recipients will be automatically assessed by Centrelink in 2026.* If you did not apply in 2026, please pick up an application form from the office.

We ask that you please notify the office if you think you are eligible. Under strict regulations governing this fund, payment can only be credited towards the sports and excursions component of your Curriculum Levy thereby reducing the fee payable by eligible families.

For further information please contact the office.

If you are facing financial difficulty you are encouraged to make an appointment to see me as soon as possible to discuss mutually suitable payment arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

**Peter Wilson – Principal**