St Clare of Assisi Primary School Conder, ACT BE THE LIGHT



# **2020 SCHOOL FEES**

After careful consideration, the Community Council has approved the 2020 School Fee Schedule. This includes the ACT Primary Tuition Fee and the Catholic Schools Building Fund Fee set by the Catholic Education Commission.

The following schedule of fees and payment options is provided to allow you to begin regular payments early in 2020. Direct Debit forms to either commence or amend your current agreement are available from our website. Please complete and return forms to the Front Office as soon as possible. Term school fee invoices will be sent home in Week 1 and are expected to be paid in full by Week 5, unless a Direct Debit is in place.

Thank you for providing financial support through payment of school fees which enables St Clare of Assisi to provide a quality Catholic Education for your child/ren.

# **Tuition Fees**

<u>This fee is set by the Catholic Education Commission</u>. The Catholic Education Office retains over 90% of the collected amount. These funds are used to pay staff and provide system support for our school. The Catholic Education Commission ACT Archdiocesan Tuition Fees for 2020 are listed in the table below.

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.

### **Building Fund – Fully Tax Deductable**

The Building Fund is a fully <u>tax deductible</u> contribution payable by the eldest child at a systemic school. Funds raised by the building fund pay for <u>all</u> maintenance, upkeep and security of the buildings. Please note that Marist, St Edmund's and Daramalan are NOT systemic schools.

#### School Based Fees

These are retained by the school and used for the following purposes:

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Cleaning/Maintenance Fee	Cleaning, waste management, janitor, grounds, etc
ICT Fee	Computers, iPads, internet charges, subscriptions, security, resources
Community Council Fee	Community events, Resources and equipment for school
School Improvement Fee	School Loans, building maintenance, provisions for future development
Admin Fee	Electricity, water, gas, security, first aid, office supplies
Resource Fee	Books, stationary, paper, photocopier, consumables, art supplies
Enrichment Fee	Excursions, incursions, enrichment, activities
Water Safety Program	A voluntary program for students in Kindergarten – Year 2 only

# School Based Fees

The school has great plans for 2020, and has carefully cut costs where possible, thereby limiting increases to approximately \$2.30 per week. In keeping fees to a minimum, we are also looking forward to the following initiatives in 2020:

- New, student centred, furniture in all Years 2 classrooms
- 60 new iPads for use in all year levels
- Landscaping and grounds improvement in Junior Equipment and grassed area (outside OSHC)
- Dedicated dance lessons (in line with Australian curriculum) for all year levels
- Professional Learning for staff to implement Sounds Write (a phonological approach to teaching spelling)
- Student centred learning team to focus on Literacy and Numeracy development across the school

#### Payments

School fees can be paid by Cash, EFTPOS, Credit card, Direct Debit, BPAY and Qkr Please note that our preferred payment method is direct debit. Form

# Regular instalments to cover 2020 fees may be set up/or adjusted now to begin preferably the first pay day in January.

#### School Payment Schedule - please see over the page

Instalment rates are rounded to the nearest dollar value and will vary depending on the actual number of payments to be made in the calendar year).

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2020 Total Fees Per Term	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children
CEO Tuition Fee	400.00	520.00	600.00	600.00
CEO Building Fund (tax deductable)	178.00	178.00	178.00	178.00
Cleaning/Maintenance Fee	52.00	56.00	60.00	60.00
ICT Fee	37.00	40.00	45.00	45.00
School Improvement Fee	47.00	47.00	47.00	47.00
Community Council Fee	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Admin Fee	88.00	109.00	125.00	130.00
Resource Fee	37.50	74.50	111.50	144.50
Enrichment Fee	24.00	48.00	72.00	96.00
Per Term	883.50	1092.50	1258.50	1320.50
Per Annum	3534.00	4370.00	5034.00	5282.00
Water Safety Fee K – 2	25.00	50.00	75.00	100.00

Instalment rates based on first payment made in January 2020				
Does Not Include Water Safety	With Building Fund	Less Tax Deductible Building Fund		
Total Annual Cost				
1 child	\$3534	\$2822		
2 children	\$4370	\$3658		
3 children	\$5034	\$4322		
4 children	\$5280	\$4568		
Payments				
52 Weekly Payments per 1 child family	\$67.96	\$54.27		
52 Weekly Payments per 2 children family	\$84.04	\$70.35		
52 Weekly Payments per 3 children family	\$96.81	\$83.12		
52 Weekly Payments per 4 children family	\$101.54	\$87.85		
26 Fortnightly Payments per 1 child family	\$135.92	\$108.54		
26 Fortnightly Payments per 2 children family	\$168.08	\$140.69		
26 Fortnightly Payments per 3 children family	\$193.62	\$166.23		
26 Fortnightly Payments per 4 children family	\$203.08	\$175.69		
12 Monthly Payments per 1 child family	\$294.50	\$235.17		
12 Monthly Payments per 2 children family	\$364.17	\$304.83		
12 Monthly Payments per 3 children family	\$419.50	\$360.17		
12 Monthly Payments per 4 children family	\$440.00	\$380.67		

# PLEASE NOTE:

Parents with children in **Years K, 1 and 2** will need to <u>add</u> Water Safety K – 2 fee to the value of \$25.00 per term/per child. (An additional \$1.93/week, \$3.85/fortnight, or \$8.34/month) **Please do this before working out Direct Debit payments.** 

#### Fee Remission

Early next year I will write to you again outlining the procedures that are in place for families requesting a fee remission.

If you have any questions or queries regarding school fees for 2020, please do not hesitate to contact either Jo McCarthy, our school bursar or myself.

Yours sincerely

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Matt Egan-Richards Principal