

Dear Parents and Guardians

School Fees for 2021

This year is different to any other we have known and what comes sharply into focus is to be aware of our community's needs, remember what is important to us and appreciate what we have achieved together.

After careful deliberation, the Board has decided there will be a \$200 per child fee increase in 2021. The Board is conscious that some families may genuinely find the fee increase difficult and therefore will make the fee increase voluntary. This gesture is designed to demonstrate our integrity to you; it does recognise that in order to maintain our service delivery we do need to see an increase contribution as we move forward. You will have an opportunity to opt-out of the fee increase when you receive your fee statement in early 2021.

It is important to understand the reasons for the fee increase when making the decision to contribute to the success of the School:

- Government funding will decrease significantly in 2022, due to the median income of our parents.
- We are committed to hiring and retaining the very best teaching staff for the school which requires us to match what the Department of Education and the Catholic Education Department pay their teachers.
- Department of Education and the Catholic Education Department teachers will be receiving a pay rise in 2021.
- Given this, we have no choice but to ask for \$200 per child to cover the pay rise.

The Senior Leadership Team, Staff and Board have worked hard throughout 2020 to maintain a high level of service in the face of some very rapidly changing circumstances and guidelines. Our goal is to continue to meet your expectations in 2021.

I would like to thank the School community for the support you have offered through this difficult year. It has come in many forms and is gratefully appreciated.

Kind regards



Gareth Rowe
Chair of the Board

13 November 2020