



ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL KALEEN

'Live in Harmony'

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR FEE SCHEDULE 2022

METHODS OF PAYMENT:

- **Direct Debit** – This is the preferred method. Forms to begin or vary payments are available from the Front Office, or for download from the communication section on the school website. *The payment costs across the school year are highlighted in blue, for those direct debits that begin at the start of the school year 2022. Adjustments to current debits, to start in January of the new year, can be made to the office now.*

- **BPay**

- **Qkr** – see instruction sheet on our website to set up on your smart phone

- **Paying in person** with cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card

- **Paying over the telephone** with Mastercard or Visa

- Filling out the relevant section on the **Fees Statement** and posting to St Michael's or return via student.

Instalments - If it is more convenient for you to pay the fees by other instalments please discuss with the Principal (6241 4022) to make a suitable arrangement, or to renew current arrangements.

Statements are sent home each term and should be checked to ensure your payments are on track.

EXTRA FEES: -

- Swimming lessons for Kinder - Year 2 students, the cost is added into Term 4 fees unless paid separately.
- Camp fees for Year 5-6 students are an added cost and will be spread across each of the 4 terms fees. Separate information will be given at the appropriate time. **(Adjustments to Direct debits are required to cover this amount).**

School fees are an essential component of operating our school and are the responsibility of all families attending our school. Parents /Carers are encouraged to contribute through the most suitable method for their circumstances. *I fully appreciate that your circumstances may change during the year; and should this occur I ask you to make contact with me as soon as possible to make any adjustments that may be required.*

The Building Fund is currently a voluntary contribution, which is tax deductible. This fund goes directly to Catholic Education (CE) to be deposited in the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (CCSBF) which is used to pay for the upkeep of our schools. Under the current arrangement, should St Michael's require a plumber to fix leaking toilets or an electrician to fix the air conditioning or the heating or have a broken window fixed, we simply contact CE and they send the relevant tradesmen. The cost for this is paid by CE through the CCSBF money (ie. the building fund). Some of the funds each year are also used to support schools in small projects that they cannot fully fund at school level (eg. Air conditioning in the classrooms for us in 2020). Should all our families elect not to pay this fund, then the CCSBF will no longer be viable and CE will no longer be able to provide these services. Should that occur, each school would have to introduce an additional levy to fund this specialised maintenance, and I fear this would be an expensive exercise for the school and the families; and also it would not be tax deductible. I encourage our families to support this initiative in order to maintain the condition and facilities of our school, and keep the children safe.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in this aspect of our partnership.