

13 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### 2025 Annual Tuition Fee

I am writing to provide you details of changes in tuition fees for the 2025 academic year. Any decision to adjust tuition fees is never made lightly, nor without careful and thorough consideration of our students' needs and our school's capacity to provide an education experience that supports every student to flourish. We are also cognisant of the financial pressures that many families have experienced this year.

Queen of Peace Primary School, too, is facing increasing costs in multiple areas of school operations, including WorkCover premiums, Child Safety compliance, risk management, teacher resources and professional learning, and higher central system costs.

Our tuition fees at Queen of Peace Primary School are also influenced by the Commonwealth Department of Education's calculation of our community's ability to financially contribute to the operating costs of our school, known as the Capacity to Contribute, or CTC, which is reviewed annually.

School funding is complex, so I have included with this letter a simple school funding "explainer" which I hope will support your understanding of how government funds Catholic (and other non-government) schools and how tuition fees support our school.

To ensure that we can continue to deliver a personalised, high-quality education that is responsive to the diverse interests and academic, social and emotional needs of our students, it is necessary to adjust our fees in 2025.

As a result, Queen of Peace's annual tuition fee for 2025 will be \$1610. This is an increase of \$110 - or just over \$2 per week - on 2024 fees.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the fee increase, or wish to discuss your individual circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me. We remain committed to keeping tuition fees as low and affordable as possible, and to working closely with our community to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Attached is our fees and levies for 2025, ways to pay and timelines for payment.

Thank you for your understanding. I am grateful for your ongoing support and trust in our school.

Yours sincerely,

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## 2025 School Fees

Fees Per Family	
Family Fee	\$1 610.00
Capital Fee	\$200.00

# 2025 Student Levies

Per child - Foundation	
Curriculum	\$540.00
Excursion	\$80.00
Total	\$620.00

Per child - Year 1	
Curriculum	\$540.00
Excursion	\$80.00
Swimming (TBC)	\$100.00
Total	\$720.00

Per child - Year 2	
Curriculum	\$540.00
Excursion	\$80.00
Swimming (TBC)	\$100.00
Total	\$720.00

Per child - Year 3	
Curriculum	\$540.00
Excursion	\$80.00
Camp - Big Day Out	\$115.00
Technology	\$170.00
Total	\$905.00

Per child - Year 4	
Curriculum	\$540.00
Excursion	\$80.00
Camp	\$375.00
Technology	\$170.00
Recorder (for music)	\$10.00
Total	\$1 175.00

Per child - Year 5	
Curriculum	\$540.00
Excursion	\$80.00
Camp	\$375.00
Technology	\$140.00
Total	\$1 135.00

Per child - Year 6	
Curriculum	\$540.00
Excursion	\$80.00
Camp	\$375.00
Technology	\$140.00
Total	\$1 135.00

## **Concessional Fee Policy**

Families in MACS primary schools may be eligible for our concessional fee policy. <u>The details of the policy are here.</u>

If you are eligible, please contact the School Bursar prior to the beginning of the 2025 School Year to be forwarded an application form.

#### How to pay

We are aiming to get statements out to families at the beginning of the school year with regular statements throughout the year. We expect families have accounts settled by the end of Term 3. (19 September 2025)

Fees can be paid by:

- Direct debit
- Centrepay
- EFTPOS
- Credit card
- Cheque
- Cash

If paying by cash, please have the exact amount as we are unable to give change.

Holders of a Health Care Card are also eligible for a discount if they apply for the CSEF. This is done through the school. Please let us know if this applies to you.

Our <u>enrolment agreement</u> outlines the expectations about paying school fees.

Please email all enquiries to <a href="mailto:fees@qopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au">fees@qopaltonameadows.catholic.edu.au</a>