

1 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## 2026 Annual Tuition Fee

I am writing to provide you details of changes in tuition fees for the 2026 academic year.

A 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 aware of the financial pressures that many families have experienced this year.

The cost of operating our school is increasing in multiple areas including wages, insurance premiums, regulatory and compliance costs, risk management, teacher resources and professional learning.

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.

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 periodically review and adjust our fees.

As a result, Queen of Peace's annual tuition fee for 2026 will be \$1760. This is an increase of \$150 - or just under \$3 per week - on 2025 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.

Looking ahead, we also want to let you know that from 2027 we will be moving to a fairer fee model already in use in other Catholic school systems.

The change to a tiered family fee in which the total a family pays will be adjusted according to how many children they have enrolled at the school is fairer for all families and ensures our school remains on a strong and sustainable footing.

This model is designed to balance being fair and sustainable for our school without placing an undue burden on families.

I am committed to keeping you informed and supported through any future changes and will be in touch with more information about this change in future. I anticipate that this will be at the end of term 1, 2026.

Attached is our fees and levies for 2026, 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,



Rod Sims  
Principal

#### 2026 School Fees

Fees Per Family	
Family Fee	\$1 760.00
Capital Fee	\$350.00

#### 2026 Student Levies

Per child - Foundation	
Curriculum	\$545.00
Excursion	\$100.00
Total	\$645.00

Per child - Year 1	
Curriculum	\$545.00
Excursion	\$100.00
Swimming	\$100.00
Total	\$745.00

Per child - Year 2	
Curriculum	\$545.00
Excursion	\$100.00
Swimming	\$100.00
Total	\$745.00

Per child - Year 3	
Curriculum	\$545.00
Excursion	\$100.00
Camp - Big Day Out	\$115.00
Technology	\$160.00
Total	\$845.00

Per child - Year 4	
Curriculum	\$545.00
Excursion	\$100.00
Camp	\$375.00
Technology	\$160.00
Recorder (for music)	\$10.00
Total	\$1 190.00

Per child - Year 5	
Curriculum	\$545.00
Excursion	\$100.00
Camp	\$375.00
Technology	\$160.00
Total	\$1 180.00

Per child - Year 6	
Curriculum	\$545.00
Excursion	\$100.00
Camp	\$375.00
Technology	\$140.00
Total	\$1 160.00

## **Concessional Fee Policy**

Families in MACS primary schools may be eligible for our concessional fee policy. [The details of the policy are here.](#)

If you are eligible, please contact the School Bursar prior to the beginning of the 2026 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. (11 September 2026)

## **2026 Payment Schedule**

If you have not signed a direct debit form nor a payment plan, the due dates for payment (by 3 instalments) are:

27 March 2026  
19 June 2026  
11 September 2026

## **Weekly, fortnightly or monthly arrangements**

You are welcome to contact the School Office to arrange a payment plan that meets your needs. That may be weekly, fortnightly or monthly regular payments.

## **If you are paying in one payment, this is due by:**

26 June 2026

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 [enrolment agreement](#) outlines the expectations about paying school fees.

## **Debt Collection**

The school reserves the right to engage Debt Collectors if all avenues of communication have been exhausted and unpaid fees are at an excessive level. This is always a last resort and goes through an approval process with Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools prior to engaging a debt collection agency. We encourage families to contact the school early if they are having difficulties paying fees.

Please email all enquiries to [fees@gopaltoneadows.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fees@gopaltoneadows.catholic.edu.au)