

## 2027 Annual School Fee - Update for families

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Families,

I am writing to share important information regarding our school fees for the 2027 academic year. At St Catherine of Siena we are committed to helping every child flourish by fostering intellectual curiosity, strengthening character, and supporting wellbeing within a nurturing Catholic community.

In planning for 2027, our focus has been to ensure we can continue to provide the high-quality learning opportunities, care and support that families value, while keeping costs as affordable as possible. Any adjustment to school fees is made with great care and thoughtful consideration. Our priority remains providing every student with a high-quality education that supports their academic, social, and emotional growth.

Over the past four years, we have incrementally adjusted our fees to address rising operational costs, including increased utility charges, WorkCover premiums, child safety compliance, building maintenance, and higher system costs. We recognise the financial pressures many families continue to face in a time of widespread rising costs. To support our families while managing operational costs, we have kept our fee adjustment to a **minimal 2% on the family fee for 2027**. We hope this gentle increase provides your family with financial predictability while allowing us to maintain the high standard of education your child / children deserve.

### 2027 Fee Schedule

Beginning in the 2027 school year, our annual tuition fee structure will be processed as below:

#### Includes Family Fee, Student Levy & Building/Maintenance Levy

|               | 2027      | 2026      | Variance | Weekly Difference |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| 1 Student Fee | \$3291.00 | \$3246.00 | \$45.00  | \$1.12            |
| 2 Student Fee | \$4239.00 | \$4186.00 | \$53.00  | \$1.32            |
| 3 Student Fee | \$5187.00 | \$5126.00 | \$61.00  | \$1.52            |

### 2027 Other Charges

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Junior Technology Levy | \$50.00  |
| Senior Technology Levy | \$200.00 |
| Grade 6 Levy           | \$50.00  |

We know that family budgets are under real pressure, and we never make fee decisions lightly. While our fees will naturally need to reflect normal cost-of-living movements over time, taking these adjustments ensures a stable, dependable operational foundation for our school. Most importantly, it ensures our classrooms remain focused on delivering the personal care, quality teaching, and attention your child deserves.

### **Pastoral care and financial support**

In keeping with our Catholic ethos, financial hardship should never be a barrier to an education at St Catherine of Siena, Armstrong Creek. We continue to offer confidential fee relief and support for families holding a Health Care Card, as well as for any family whose financial circumstances have changed.

If you have questions about the new fee structure or wish to discuss support options in complete confidence, please contact me directly.

Finally, we appreciate there has been considerable discussion within our community about class structures and staffing arrangements for 2027. To help answer some of the most common questions, please find attached an FAQ for your reference.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, trust, and shared commitment to our school community.

### **Fee Statements & Payment Options**

School fee statements will be issued in mid-February 2027 and remain available upon request throughout the year. We continue to offer flexible payment arrangements to support our community.

To update your payment method, please complete [this form]. For confidential, personalised payment plans, please contact Belynda Smith via email.

Available payment options:

- Direct debit (bank account or credit card)
- BPAY
- Direct deposit
- EFTPOS at the school office

We remain deeply committed to keeping high-quality Catholic education accessible and working closely with our families. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust in our school community.

In Partnership,



Nathan Owen  
Principal

St Catherine of Siena, Armstrong Creek