



GUIDELINES TO SCHOOL FUNDING

1. VALUES

St Patrick's College ('the College') is a Catholic school and is not a fully funded government facility. However, as a Catholic school we are mindful of the need to offer all Catholics a place in our community.

Contemporary education requires schools to provide significant resources for students to operate effectively in the complex world of the 21st century. It is considered important that those in Catholic schools value education so that fees wherever possible are paid. In cases of economic hardship concessions may be applied for.

The College values are: Justice; Responsibility; Compassion; Dignity; Commitment; and Equity.

2. STATEMENTS

Lack of financial resources should not prevent a Catholic student (or one who shares our values) from enrolling or remaining enrolled at St Patrick's College.

There is a responsibility for fees and levies to be paid as outlined in College documentation or as individually agreed with the Principal. Parents may also assist the College in other ways.

3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

In line with Diocesan Catholic Education Office policies, procedures will be developed to allow fee concessions to be granted in case of financial hardship. Such procedures would normally require the disclosure of financial information.

Information concerning fees and / or concessions are confidential to the Principal and Finance Officer.

Any concessional agreement would at least cover the levies which cover consumables and the individually identifiable expenses.

The College budget is framed in the expectation that all will contribute to the levies.

In cases where ongoing requests to negotiate fees with the Principal have been ignored, outstanding accounts may be placed in the hands of a commercial collection agency. Extreme cases may result in the cancellation of enrolment.

Final documentation etc will not be released until all financial commitments are met.

The College will put in place mechanisms to assist in payment of fees, eg deferred payment, periodic payment, direct debit, EFTPOS.