

ATTENDANCE DUES

Answers to your questions:

“What are attendance dues?”

Catholic integrated schools are financed partly by the government and partly through attendance dues paid by parents/caregivers to the Proprietor, through this office, the Catholic Integrated Schools Office (CISO).

Attendance dues are not the same as school fees which are charged by the school, some of which maybe a donation and is tax deductible. **Attendance Dues are not a donation, and are not tax deductible.**

“Why do we pay attendance dues?”

A contract to pay attendance dues is a condition of enrolment at a Catholic school. Attendance dues are approved by the Minister of Education, as legislated for in the Education Act 1989 Part 33 Section 447, and are a compulsory charge for attendance. These conditions are set out in the contract and are also detailed on the invoice.

“What are attendance dues used for?”

Attendance dues are used to pay for land, some building work, and related costs such as maintenance, insurance on school buildings, mortgages and debt repayments on loans.

“Do our attendance dues go to our local school?”

Yes, but not directly. The Catholic Integrated Schools Office (CISO) on behalf of “Roman Catholic Bishop of Hamilton” sends you a dues invoice. The dues collected are pooled and are used to meet the Proprietor’s costs on all school buildings. Over time, all schools benefit.

“How much are attendance dues per year?”

- Primary students: (Y1-8) \$444.00 (incl GST)
 (i.e. \$111.00 per term)
- Secondary students: (Y9-13) \$888.00 (incl GST)
 (i.e. \$222.00 per term)

“When are attendance dues payable?”

Dues are payable in full by 20 April each year. Other payment options are explained on the back of your invoice, and may be considered in discussion with CISO staff.

“How are attendance dues paid?”

Refer to back of your invoice.

“Is financial assistance available?”

Yes. While all parents and caregivers are encouraged to pay the full amount of dues, financial assistance can be granted for any of the following: family reasons, hardship, loss of income, redundancy, extended unemployment or death of the breadwinner. Contact CISO, or discuss the problem with your parish priest or principal who can recommend your case to CISO staff.

A major redevelopment initiative is in place to review property needs in all of our schools and colleges. The major focus is on improving teaching spaces that enhance opportunities for both teaching and learning.

Upgrade to some classrooms has been completed in the following schools with many others in various stages of planning or construction:

St Columbas, Frankton; St Pauls, Ngaruawahia; St Marys, Putaruru; St Josephs, Te Kuiti; St Josephs, Whakatane and St Johns College, Hamilton

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