CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HAMILTON, NZ

Attendance Dues Fees Update for 2027

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we prepare for the 2027 school year, we are sharing the updated Attendance Dues fees early to help your family plan ahead as you currently have a student enrolled with us. If you are not the primary contact person, please reply to this email so we can correct our records.

What Are Attendance Dues? As the building of new Catholic schools currently receives no funding from the government, Attendance Dues are essential to service the mortgages and insure the buildings. Under the Education and Training Act 2020, paying these dues is a mandatory condition of enrolment. Please note:

- Attendance Dues are paid directly to your Catholic Diocese, separate from school fees.
- Because they are mandatory fees rather than donations, they are **not** tax-deductible.

How Are Fee Adjustments Calculated? The New Zealand Catholic Education Office reviews Attendance Dues annually based on CPI increase, the interest charges on our long-term building loans as well as insurance commitments which are mandated in legislation.

Your 2027 Attendance Dues:

Primary School (Year 0 to 8): $546 (Incl. GST).
$606 including Catholic Character Contribution

Secondary School (Year 9 to 13): $1092 (Incl. GST)
$1152 including Catholic Character Contribution

Catholic Character Contribution:
The Catholic Character Contribution (CCC) plays an important role in supporting and strengthening the Catholic identity and mission of our schools. It contributes directly to the delivery of the Religious Education Programme and helps ensure that the Catholic character of our schools is nurtured, developed and maintained.
The Catholic Character Contribution is $60.00 per student, with a maximum of $180.00 (if you have three or more children).

Invoicing and Payment Options: Your Invoice is sent out at the start of the year or when there is an enrolment. It is due in full within 30 days. If you cannot pay in full, you are required to set up a recurring payment plan (weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or quarterly in March, May, July, and September) to cover the cost, starting immediately.

If you experience financial hardship or changes in circumstances, please contact us promptly after receiving your invoice so we can work together on a practical solution.

Contact Us: For questions or assistance, please email the Attendance Dues Team at your local diocesan office, by replying to this email.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Attendance Dues Team