

From the Office of the Principal

Friday September 18, 2015.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Regarding: 2016 School Fees and Levies

The Marymede Catholic College Board met on Wednesday September 9, 2015 and determined the 2016 School fee structure based on recommendations put forward from the College Finance Committee.

The Board has agreed to maintain a thoughtful and practical approach to next year's budget. We aim to ensure the continued provision for future growth whilst maintaining the College's affordability for our community by keeping School Fee increases to a minimum.

The Board was mindful of the many sacrifices families are making to send their children to Marymede Catholic College. In recognition of this fact, the following changes for 2016 have been approved:

- Tuition Fee increases for 2016 have been limited to 1%;
- Introduction of a 3% discount on the Primary Family Tuition Fee, which will further broaden the discount structure available for families across Prep to Year 12;
- Introduction of a Primary student E-Resource Levy;
- Increase in the Secondary student E-Resource Levy;
- No changes to the College Building Levy.

The 2016 increases are below the 6% rise to the average Education component of the 'Consumer Price Index' for the year ending June 2015. (Please see attached 2016 Fee Structure).

The increased E-Resource Levy reflects the ongoing investment in ICT initiatives throughout 2015-16 which include but are not limited to:

- The expansion of technology resources in the Primary School, ensuring that each student has access to an E-Learning device;
- Maintaining the provision of the 1:1 device program throughout the Secondary School, which is no-longer government funded;
- Renewal and expansion of the existing technology infrastructure throughout all College buildings;
- The introduction of new and innovative technologies and resources across Prep to Year 12.

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In increasing the E-Resource Levy, the College was forced to consider the challenges faced in providing state-of-the-art technology and e-learning to all students after the withdrawal of 'Digital Education Revolution Funding' for student devices which ceased in 2014.

As part of our continued focus towards providing new and innovative technology resources to all students, we envisage that the traditional booklist provided to parents in the past will change to reflect the increased use of digital resources, which will in turn reduce the ongoing costs of the student booklists each year.

Ongoing investment in Marymede Catholic College is particularly evident through the continued growth in College buildings which have been extensive and enhancing to many aspects of school life. We look forward to the opening of the new Marymede Trade Skills Centre at the beginning of 2016 in addition to the continual upgrade and maintenance of all College facilities.

I remind families who have not yet returned the Re-Enrolment Form to confirm the enrolment of their child/children for 2016. The Re-Enrolment Form is also an affirmation of each family's commitment to supporting the values and principles of the College as well as to paying the tuition fees and levies in full by the prescribed dates. Please return this form by Friday October 9, 2015.

Finally, I wish to assure all members of the Marymede Community that it is our intention to continue our work in developing and improving Marymede Catholic College in all areas to ensure that students and families are provided with the best educational environment possible.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal