

Dear Parents

Following a detailed review of our income and expenditure for 2020, the Newman College Advisory Council has decided to increase tuition fees by 2.4% in Primary and Years 7 to 10, and no increase in Years 11 and 12, overall 1.92% across the K-12 school. The increase amounts to \$100 per annum in Primary and \$200 per annum in Years 7 to 10. This continues the trend of a declining percentage increase over the past 5 years.

Please [click here](#) to access the College fees and charges for 2020. As is College practice, in 2020 one annual account will be issued, with multiple payment options available. These are detailed in the brochure.

In determining the 2020 budget the Senior Leadership Team, College Finance Committee and Advisory Council were very conscious of the need to set fees at a level that does not place a burden on families yet at the same time provides the College with the essential income to meet its own ongoing financial commitments now and into the future. In addition, we have faced the challenges presented with the new funding agreements, resulting in a reduction in our transition funding and zero increase in State Government funding.

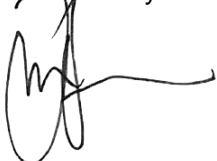
Colleges in general are increasingly required to meet the cost of higher staff salaries and the rising essential services charges, such as power, water and insurance. Newman College, as part of the Catholic Education system of WA, pays levies to CEWA. Levies are also paid to Marist Schools Australia who are responsible for Marist governed schools in Australia. Both of these levies are charged to cover their respective administration costs and to assist in the co-responsibility of the establishment and support of other schools.

All schools in the Catholic sector are required to have a Capital Levy in order to meet the ongoing capital development needs of the school and is invoiced to families along with the tuition fee and other charges. The 2019 annual Capital Levy per family will remain unchanged at \$1,100 and will be used for College existing buildings and the exciting Learning Hub development which commenced this term.

In early 2020, families will receive their fee invoice where the fees and levies are itemised. As in prior years the College provides a number of alternatives for payment of fees, which include Direct Debit, Credit Card and BPay®. The appropriate forms will be sent with the fee invoice.

Tuition fee discounts will once again be available to holders of means-tested Health Care Cards and Pensioner Concession Cards. Parents in this category will need to present the current card to our Finance Officer in February prior to the preparation of Fee Accounts. For families that are not eligible for a HCC discount, a 15% discount off total Tuition Fees applies for families with three students and 40% for families with four or more students at the College. Parents in extreme financial difficulties are invited to contact the Director Finance & Administration for a confidential discussion, so that appropriate support arrangements can be made.

Yours sincerely



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