MATER DEI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

There will be a 5.86% increase in school fees for 2024. These school fees will comprise of a tuition fee and a resource fee. Charges for ad hoc items such as excursions/incursions will be charged through Compass separately from School Fees. The sibling discount matrix introduced for the 2022 year will remain for 2024.

Child 1 - 0% (tuition only) Child 2 - 20% (tuition only) Child 3 - 50% (tuition only) Child 4+ - 90% (tuition only)

The sibling discount remains applied across the Diocese as a whole, eg. the discount applies to a primary school child with a sibling in any other CEDWW primary or secondary school. The discount applies to Tuition Fees only, sibling discounts do not apply to other charges.

The Tuition Fee in 2024 for Mater Dei Primary School will be \$1854.50 and a \$200.50 Resource Fee. These changes are part of a concerted effort by CEDWW to be more family-friendly and promote excellence in our schools both spiritually and educationally.

The Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga (CEDWW) has given all schools in the Diocese a directive regarding payment of school fees. At the start of the year, every family will be invoiced for the full year's fees. That account will be due and payable in full, 30 days from the date of invoice, unless parents/carers have a School Fee Agreement in place for periodical instalments. The Diocesan School Fee Instalment Agreement is a form that all families are required to complete and return to Mater Dei Primary at the commencement of the 2024 school year. Completing and returning the School Fee Instalment Agreement will limit the number of reminder text messages and letters that are system-generated.

If requested, a copy of the Diocesan Hardship Application form can be obtained by contacting the Finance Manager Tracey Fitzgerald at the school office on (02) 6926 2060. The completed application form is then returned directly to the School Fee Liaison Officer at CEDWW, together with pertinent financial documentation to substantiate the claim. CEDWW will then determine whether the application meets the criteria for fee relief and advise the school and the applicant of the outcome.

PLEASE NOTE: Genuine inability to meet the school fees does not exclude children of a family genuinely committed to Catholic faith and practice from attendance at our school.

Mater Dei Primary will always do its best to ensure students of Catholic faith and practice can attend Mater Dei Catholic Primary School.

Please address any queries regarding the payment of fees to Tracey Fitzgerald at the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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Vincent Powell Principal