



Xavier Catholic College

Monday 30th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to explain a change to our fee structure for 2018 with particular reference to a new approach to the calculation of our Levies.

From 2018 Fees and Levies have been averaged across Junior School (Prep to Year 6), Middle School (Years 7 to 9) and Senior School (Years 10 to 12), under an inclusive fee structure. The only exception is in Years 11 and 12 where there are subject specific Levies which vary depending on the choice of subjects.

The intention is to even out the impost that levies cause and avoid spikes in particular Year Levels. This will allow parents to plan ahead when budgeting and not be hit all at once by high Levies in a particular year. It also means that Payment Arrangements will need to be updated less frequently and will be much easier to calculate.

Below are some details about Levies and what they provide:

General Levy

This Levy covers such things as:

- Consumable items used for subjects
- Year Level camps
- Online tutoring via Studiosity (starting 2018)
- Excursions
- School Magazine
- Weekly sports rotations
- Subject specific camps
- Pastoral Care activities
- Student diaries
- Celebration evenings
- Athletics days and swimming carnivals

IT Levy

This Levy supports the use of technology integrated into the classroom environment from Prep to Year 12. It provides for and maintains infrastructure such as high-speed broadband internet, wireless network and projectors. This also covers student devices in Years 4 to 12 in addition to access to iPad and Interactive Flat Panel Displays (IFPD) in Prep to Year 3. IFPD's will be going into Year 3 classrooms in 2018. The Levy also supports the cost of three staff dedicated to maintaining our extensive network and providing support to staff and students in the use of technology in the classroom.

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IT Plan for 2018 to 2020

We are in the process of transitioning our device rollout over the next three years. While this involves some temporary issues, all students will have access to IT equipment during this process. A summary of the plan is as follows:

Primary School

The decision has been made to begin in 2018 issuing iPads to Year 4 students. These will be full-size, 5th generation iPads that are supported for NAPLAN online. This will be a 3-year program. These devices will 'roll up' with students as they progress through years 5 & 6. This has been communicated to parents in the Primary school. This rollout process will allow the laptop deployment program to change from Year 8 to Year 7 in future years.

Laptop banks and iPad sets will be available for all other year levels throughout the Primary school, along with the other IT equipment outlined earlier in this letter. Further laptop banks will be freed up for deployment into Year 5 and Year 6 classes.

Year 7

Next year, these students will not be getting iPads. Instead, they will be given a Dell Latitude 3189. This is a Windows device with a traditional keyboard, but also a touch screen that folds around to create a 'tablet-like' experience. This also will be a 3-year program with students being provided with a conventional laptop in Years 10 to 12.

Year 8

These students will continue with their current iPad for 2018. They will get a laptop in Year 9 similar to what we currently issue.

Year 9

These students will be issued a laptop similar to what we currently give to students. This will be a 4-year program and take these students to the end of Year 12. These students and the 2019 Year 9 cohort will be the last to get laptops on a 4-year cycle.

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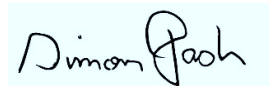
Our device program will look like:

1. Year 4-6: iPad
2. Year 7-9: Laptop (mid-range, hybrid-style device)
3. Year 10-12: Laptop (higher spec, conventional laptop)

While this transition is a major undertaking, it is our commitment as a College to ensure all students have access to suitable IT equipment and gain the benefits of the Levy contribution made by families. Our new Levy structure will spread the outlay for parents across the years and avoid Levy spikes in particular year levels. It should also be noted that this new approach will reduce the overall IT Levy income to the College in 2018. We have also absorbed the costs of increasing the sibling discount into our overall budget.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we seek to continually improve and update our learning facilities and resources for all students.

Yours sincerely



Simon Dash
Principal



XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE – Hervey Bay

Xavier Catholic College aims to provide high-quality education to your child or children within our Catholic tradition where all are engaged in their learning, challenged to be better people and motivated to do their best.



FEES, LEVY CHARGES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION - 2018

Fees and Levies collected at the College are used for administrative staff, resources, materials, facilities and equipment, buildings and grounds maintenance and up-to-date Information Technology equipment and internet access.

Fees and levies have been averaged across Junior School-Prep to Year 6, Middle School-Years 7 to 9 and Senior School- Years 10 to 12, under a largely inclusive fee structure.

Fees and Levies are invoiced in Term 1. Instrumental Music and Voice Lessons are invoiced per student per term.

We believe this gives parents the security of being able to plan their finances ahead with no hidden costs.

For more information regarding fees, please contact our Finance Officers.

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2018 Schedule of Fees and Levies

These charges are all inclusive including camps, excursions, school sport, swimming, arts council visits and hire of student laptops and iPads.

ANNUAL COST	JUNIOR	MIDDLE	SENIOR	
Eldest Child	Prep to Year 6	Years 7-9	Year 10	Years 11-12
Family P&F Levy	135	135	135	135
Family Capital Levy	670	670	670	670
	805	805	805	805
Tuition Fee	1117	2099	2269	2269
Technology Levy	343	565	645	645
General Levy	550	860	860	860
ANNUAL COST	\$2,815	\$4,329	\$4,579	\$4,579 PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES
COST PER FORTNIGHT	\$109	\$167	\$177	\$177 PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES

(37% Discount on Fees)	JUNIOR	MIDDLE	SENIOR	
Second Child	Prep to Year 6	Years 7-9	Year 10	Years 11-12
Tuition Fee	704	1322	1429	1429
Technology Levy	343	565	645	645
General Levy	550	860	860	860
ANNUAL COST	\$1,597	\$2,747	\$2,934	\$2,934 PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES
COST PER FORTNIGHT	\$62	\$106	\$113	\$113 PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES

(70% Discount on Fees)	JUNIOR	MIDDLE	SENIOR	
Third Child	Prep to Year 6	Years 7-9	Year 10	Years 11-12
Tuition Fee	335	630	681	681
Technology Levy	343	565	645	645
General Levy	550	860	860	860
ANNUAL COST	\$1,228	\$2,055	\$2,186	\$2,186 PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES
COST PER FORTNIGHT	\$48	\$80	\$85	\$85 PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES

(80% Discount on Fees)	JUNIOR	MIDDLE	SENIOR	
Fourth Child	Prep to Year 6	Years 7-9	Year 10	Years 11-12
Tuition Fee	223	420	454	454
Technology Levy	343	565	645	645
General Levy	550	860	830	860
ANNUAL COST	\$1,116	\$1,845	\$1,959	\$1,959 PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES
COST PER FORTNIGHT	\$43	\$71	\$76	\$76 PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES

Payment Plan Options:

Monthly payments: Divide Annual Cost by 12 = monthly payments

Weekly payments: Divide Annual Cost by 52 = weekly payments

All Payment plans must finalise your 2018 account by 30 November 2018.

Family Fee Payment calculators and Ready Reckoners are available on the Parent Portal via the School Fees tab.

**YEARS 11 - 12 WILL BE CHARGED A GENERAL LEVY PLUS SUBJECT LEVIES
AS PER THEIR SUBJECT SELECTION**

YEAR 11	
SUBJECT	LEVY
Ancient History	\$ 16.00
Biology	\$ 338.00
Business Management	\$ 128.00
Chemistry	\$ 191.00
Drama	\$ 270.00
Early Childhood Studies	\$ 35.00
Engineering	\$ 90.00
English	\$ 22.00
English Communication	\$ 30.00
Film & TV	\$ 90.00
French	\$ 168.00
Furnishing	\$ 90.00
Geography	\$ 218.00
Health	\$ 15.00
Hospitality	\$ 302.00
IPT	\$ 19.00
Legal Studies	\$ 63.00
Aquatic Practices	\$ 313.00
Marine Science	\$ 301.00
Mathematics	\$ 22.00
Music	\$ 16.00
Physical Education	\$ 59.00
Physics	\$ 171.00
Recreation Studies	\$ 224.00
Religion and Ethics	\$ 35.00
Study of Religion	\$ 110.00
Technology Studies	\$ 55.00
Visual Arts	\$ 168.00

YEAR 12	
SUBJECT	LEVY
Ancient History	\$ 16.00
Biology	\$ 117.00
Business Management	\$ 128.00
Chemistry	\$ 195.00
Drama	\$ 270.00
Early Childhood Studies	\$ 35.00
Engineering	\$ 110.00
English	\$ 24.00
English Communication	\$ 54.00
Film & TV	\$ 90.00
French	\$ 168.00
Furnishing	\$ 110.00
Geography	\$ 218.00
Health	\$ 15.00
Hospitality	\$ 238.00
IPT	\$ 19.00
Legal Studies	\$ 63.00
Aquatic Practices	\$ 624.00
Marine Science	\$ 611.00
Mathematics	\$ 22.00
Music	\$ 16.00
Physical Education	\$ 14.00
Physics	\$ 56.00
Recreation Studies	\$ 13.00
Religion and Ethics	\$ 203.00
Study of Religion	\$ 200.00
Technology Studies	\$ 55.00
Visual Arts	\$ 161.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - ALL GRADES

Instrumental Music and Voice Lessons are \$125.00 per student per term. Fees are required to be paid each term, 14 days from issue of invoice.

Choir Levy per student is \$115 annually and will be invoiced in 1st term with Subject Levies.

Interschool Sports/Representative Sports are to be paid on Qkr! prior to the event.

Discounts

Xavier provides discounts for families who have siblings at Xavier and Star of the Sea.

Tuition Fee Discount	Number of siblings			
	One	Two	Three	Four
Discount for students at Star of the Sea	5%	10%	20%	40%
Discount for students at Xavier Catholic College	0%	37%	70%	80%

Explanation of Levies

Family P&F Levy

This levy enables the P & F to undertake projects around the College that are non-curriculum related. For example, in 2018 the P & F will undertake Stage 2 of our Open Space Master Plan.

Family Capital Levy

Being a young College the compulsory Capital Levy of \$670 per family ensures the College can continue to meet existing loan repayments while setting aside funds for future buildings or refurbishment of existing buildings.

Tuition Fee

Fees enable the day-to-day running of the College covering such things as electricity, rates and staffing.

Technology Levy

This levy supports the use of technology integrated into the classroom environment. It provides for and maintains infrastructure such as high-speed broadband internet, wireless network, projectors and Interactive Flat Panel Displays. This also covers student devices in Years 4 to 12.

General Levy Covers

- consumable items used for subjects
- year level camps
- excursions
- school magazine
- weekly sports rotations
- subject specific camps
- pastoral care activities
- student diary
- senior formal
- graduation evenings
- athletics days and swimming carnivals

The General Levy excludes optional non-compulsory excursions or any self-nominated extracurricular activities e.g. Overseas Trips, Fraser District and Wide Bay Trials. These items will be payable via the Qkr! App.

Issuing of Accounts

Statements are emailed out in Term 1 and will be due for payment within 30 days unless a payment arrangement has been organised with the College.

The statement will show the following:

- Family P & F Levy – (Eldest Student Name)
- Capital Family Levy – (Eldest Student Name)
- Tuition Fee – Junior, Middle or Senior – (Student Name)
- Technology Levy – Junior, Middle or Senior – (Student Name)
- General Levy – Junior, Middle or Senior – (Student Name)
- Instrumental Music or Vocal Lessons – Term 1 to 4
- Annual Choir Levy

Payment Options

Payment of fees and levies can be made either **ANNUALLY, MONTHLY, FORTNIGHTLY** or **WEEKLY**.

Payments can be made via

- BPAY (Annual payment only)
- Credit Card (Annual Payment or Payment Arrangement)
- Direct Debit (Annual Payment or Payment Arrangement)
- Cash, cheque or EFTPOS (Annual payment only)

For monthly, fortnightly or weekly credit card and direct debit payments, please complete the relevant form and return to the College office. These forms can be obtained from the Parent Portal, by emailing xFees@bne.catholic.edu.au or from Reception.

All fees & levies must be up to date before a student can participate in any optional excursions E.g. Overseas Trips, Ski Trip, QISSN and Confraternity.

Concessions

Xavier is committed to providing a Catholic education to all children whose parents desire it. We are also aware that families may experience financial hardship from time to time and offer Concessions as per the Brisbane Catholic Education guidelines.

A compassionate and just approach under the mission and values of the College and Brisbane Catholic Education are used when reviewing applications. The application process uses the Henderson Poverty Line when assessing eligibility for concessions, the process takes into consideration all income including wages, Centrelink payments etc as well as housing costs e.g. rent, minimum mortgage repayments. Application forms for concessions are available from the Parent Portal, College office or from xFees@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Concessions applications are accepted at the commencement of each year or when the hardship within the family occurs. Concessions are issued for a maximum period of 12 months within a calendar year. If you require consideration for a subsequent 12-month period we require a new application. Families with existing concessions will be emailed in Term 4, requesting documents for the following year to be completed and returned by 1 December.

Who is responsible for payment of fees and levies?

The parent/s and/or legal guardian/s, who have signed the Confirmation of Enrolment agreement with the College are jointly and severally liable for the student's tuition fees and any other costs associated with the student's attendance at the College. Any changes in family circumstances must be documented in a 'Revision of Financial Obligations' form. Due to Brisbane Catholic Education's Privacy Policy, the College cannot discuss an account with anyone other than the account holder.

