Statement

MacKillop Catholic College provides educational services and charges fees and levies to assist in the funding of the provision of these services on an equitable basis.

The setting of tuition fees, levies and other charges for MacKillop Catholic College is the responsibility of the Governing Council. The level of fees charged annually is based on:

- The level of private income required to effectively maintain the services required by the College;
- The general fluctuations of costs and prices within the community; and
- The limits of affordability of the families supporting the College.

Rationale

1. In keeping with the charism, compassion will always be shown in cases of genuine hardship. However, the onus is on the Parent/Guardian to keep the College informed of their status.

Guidelines

ENROLMENT FEES

A confirmation of enrolment fee of $50 applies to each acceptance. Apart from exceptional circumstances, the confirmation of enrolment fee is not refundable should the family withdraw the student before the commencement of the school year.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees will be invoiced and payable by 30 March unless a payment plan is in place.

The annual tuition fee covers the basic expenses associated with providing the educational facilities. In the event of a student commencing part way through a term, the tuition fees and general levies will be charged on a pro-rata basis.

CAMP FEES

An annual camp fee is charged for students who will be attending camps throughout the upcoming year. The fees are calculated annually based on the full recovery of all of the camp costs.
FAMILY DISCOUNTS

In recognition of the financial responsibilities of families in paying multiple tuition fees, family discounts will apply on the basis of the total number of children from the family attending Catholic schools (all of the children do not have to be at MacKillop Catholic College). Family discounts are as follows:

- 10% discount for 3 children
- 20% discount for 4 children
- 30% discount for 5 or more children

Families must apply for the above discounts on an annual basis. The family discounts only apply to tuition fees.

SPECIAL PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND VARIATION TO TUITION FEES

In times of financial hardship the college may be able to provide financial assistance through an extension to pay or fee rebates. All applications must be made using the “Application for fee Variation” form. Applicants will also be required to provide all appropriate financial information to support the claim and meet with the Business Manager to discuss their application. All applications will need to be made annually. All applications will be assessed on a case by case basis with decisions being based on the family’s capacity to pay fees.

REMOVAL OF STUDENTS

You are required to provide the Principal with written notice at least ten (10) school weeks prior to removing the student from the school. If you withdraw the student from the school prior to the end of the notification period, you will be liable to pay the fees and any optional charges up to the end of the notification period. This includes withdrawal prior to the start of each school year.

FAILURE TO PAY

Where payment is not made on time, debt recovery action may be commenced against any one or all of the parent(s)/guardian(s) named on the Enrolment Form.

The school may charge the parent(s)/guardian(s) for all costs and expenses (including without limitation all legal costs and expenses on an indemnity basis) incurred by the school resulting from the default (failure to pay) or in taking action to collect outstanding fees.