FEE INFORMATION FOR 2017

SCHOOL FEES

At the Stewardship Council meeting at the end of October, the Council discussed fees and charges for 2017 in light of anticipated funding and payment commitments in the coming years.

Some of the major considerations were:

- Anticipated restricted growth in Commonwealth and State Governments funding for general recurrent purposes and for special programs after 2017;
- Impact on costs of the Multi-Employer Agreement covering College Staff employment (the new Agreement is anticipated to be finalised in 2017);
- Continuation of the 1:1 Digital Device Program for Years 7-12 in 2017 (fully funded internally);
- Loan and interest payments for the fully self-funded project Design Education Building Project and a new Science Building Precinct (Building is anticipated to start by late 2017 funded by a combination of an Australian Government Grant [$2.0m] and a School contribution of around $1.1m through a new loan);
- The next stage of the College’s Master Plan including the development of the sports precinct in early 2017.

The fees for 2017 are listed below and reflect overall increases of around 5%:

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BUS FEES

The College will be operating five College organised services of a morning and an afternoon in 2017 (further details are available on the College Website under College Information/Transport or www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au/1113 ). The 2017 Services’ timetables and stops are available on the website but may need to be refined as the 2017 school year commences.

The annual Bus Fee for 2017 will be $840.00 per daily service (this will be charged for the full year in February 2017, with the option of payments in 4 instalments of $210.00 at the start of each term).

RESOURCE LISTS: STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-10

The College will continue to use Jacaranda Interactive ebooks in Years 7 to 10 in 2017. This means that students have online access to the majority of their class resources using one password. Students in Years 7 & 8 studying LOTE Subjects (Italian and Indonesian) will be provided with access to the required digital resources at the start of Term 1.

The cost of the Jacaranda Digital Resources ($100) and any applicable LOTE Digital Resources will be charged to you on your College Fee Statement issued in February 2017. The amount charged by the College is the cost price including GST charged by the respective supplier. The full amount of these Digital Resources is payable by March 31st.
You should have received a hard copy of the resource list [supplied through Campion Education] and a supplementary list for art supplies [supplied through Atelier Art Supplies]. If you did not receive these lists, they can be accessed on the College website under Teaching and Learning and the respective Year Level.

**FEE PAYMENT DEADLINES**

- By March 31 2017 (1st Instalment), 25% of annual fees less any family discount are due to have been paid plus the Digital Resource charge
- By June 30 2017 (2nd Instalment), 50% of annual fees are due to have been paid and where applicable any VET Fees charged
- By August 31 2017 (3rd Instalment), 75% of annual fees are due to have been paid
- By October 31 2017 (Final Instalment), all fees and charges for the school year are expected to have been paid.

The only exceptions to the above deadlines are where an accepted alternative payment plan has been negotiated with the Office. A variation to the level of fees payable may be available in cases of demonstrated financial hardship. Applications must be accompanied by evidence of household income and assets. You will be asked to attend an interview with one of the Co- Principals.


**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

This State Government family assistance allowance will continue in 2017 ($225 per eligible secondary school student). Eligible Families will need to complete a new application form for 2017. Application forms will be sent out with Fee Statements in February 2017. Any funds received will be applied directly to the Fee Statement of the family as a credit (reduction) to help offset the amount included in the College’s all inclusive Fee to cover such activities.

**DIGITAL DEVICE PROGRAM – CHARGE FOR REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENTS**

In 2017, the maximum Device Repair Charge (DRC) for any damage or loss not covered under warranty but covered under the College’s accidental damage insurance policy will remain at $75.

**ACCESSING YOUR ACCOUNT HISTORY USING THE PARENT PORTAL**

Rather than waiting for Statements to be mailed out, you can now check your current Fee Account balance and review your more recent history of payments and charges via the Synergetic Parent Portal (accessed via the Marian Website home page, selecting the Parent Access box and then selecting the Parent Account History box).

To access this financial detail through the Synergetic portal, you will need to use the same ID and password that you have used to book Parent-Teacher Interviews. Once in the Portal, you select the FINANCE tab. You will be able to see your current balance (shown as Overall Balance).

If you then select the Transaction History tab, you will see a list of transactions for this year and last year up to a maximum of 20 financial transactions whether they are payments by you (listed as receipts) or charges by the School (Fees, Discounts, Buses, VET, Laptop repairs etc). You can even check for transactions in a particular month during this year or last year.

At this stage, you cannot view copies of your past Statements although we are working on this becoming available in the future.

If you need help in accessing the site, please contact the Office staff for assistance.