

# SCHOOL FUNDING (PAYMENT OF FEES/LEVIES)

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**Scope:** This policy applies to all Catholic schools and colleges conducted by Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as Catholic Education in the document).

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## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

No student should be excluded from a Catholic school because of the inability of their parents / carers / guardians to pay the prescribed fees and levies - in whole or in part.

Where parents / carers / guardians are financially able to pay the prescribed fees and levies in full or part but do not do so, collection action as outlined in Catholic Education procedures referred to in this policy will be progressed.

## 2. DESCRIPTION

Catholic schools are open to all who seek and support the values espoused by the school. The provision of Catholic schooling is only possible because of parental payment of school fees and levies combined with funding support provided by Federal and State governments. The continuing provision of quality Catholic Education for all students in the Diocese of Rockhampton requires that all enrolling parents / carers / guardians pay school fees and levies according to their financial ability.

This policy establishes procedures to ensure that access to Catholic Education remains a viable option for all families within our Diocese. For some families the payment of fees associated with enrolment may present a financial burden. Parents / carers / guardians will be made aware of the available concessions and payment options during the enrolment process.

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

1. Catholic Education school fees and levies are reviewed annually and communicated to schools in August.
2. In signing the enrolment contract parents / carers / guardians agree to abide by the school fee collection and concession procedures.



3. Schools will make available to parents / carers / guardians a wide range of payment options.
4. The document School Fee Collection and Concession Procedures is available to guide schools in implementing this policy. All concessions are to be approved by the principal and reviewed annually.

#### 4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

##### CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- Catholic Education Current [School Fee Schedule](#)
- Catholic Education (2016) *School Fees Collection and Concession Procedures*