

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2025 Tuition Fees

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we have carefully reviewed the expected costs for 2025. We understand that financial pressures can be challenging, so we are pleased to announce that <u>tuition fees at St Teresa's School will remain unchanged</u> <u>at \$400 per year per student (billed as \$100 per term, with no sibling discount)</u>. This decision is part of our commitment to keeping education as accessible as possible for our families.

To enhance our curriculum offerings, there will be an <u>additional levy of \$100 per</u> <u>student</u> to help purchase resources that will support our newly developed programs in Mathematics and English. This levy will be included with the term 1 fees in 2025.

Camps, excursions, water safety lessons, and other activities will continue to be billed separately as they occur. This allows us to manage these specific costs effectively while keeping general tuition fees stable.

We are especially grateful to have the support of the Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns, which has recognised the unique financial circumstances in our community and worked to ensure that St Teresa's can continue offering education at a reduced rate, even as fees may increase in other schools. Our ongoing commitment is to ensure that no child is ever denied the opportunity of a Catholic education due to financial barriers.

We understand that some families may still face difficulties covering tuition and additional costs. If you find yourself in this situation, please know that we are here to support you. You are encouraged to reach out to the Principal for a confidential discussion about how we can help.

Thank you for your dedication to Catholic Education and your continued support, whether through fee contributions or the many ways you enrich our school community. We are proud to offer a high standard of education and remain deeply appreciative of your partnership in making it possible.

With warm regards,

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Michael Aitken Principal