



# St Mary's College Board

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## FEES POLICY

**Gospel Values:** compassion, respect, welcoming, justice

**Policy Statement:** Our Mission Statement points out that we welcome students from diverse backgrounds, especially those in need, and our fees structure recognises this.

The Mission Statement also states that justice is fundamental and emphasis is placed on participation. This means that students are enrolled without discrimination on educational, social or economic backgrounds.

The college authorities will act responsibly in its use of resources and have a compassionate approach to those in need.

Social justice and participation also entail that families are accepted on the basis that each will participate in the community by contributing a just amount towards costs.

Since our teaching is based on a search for quality and we are called to excellence in all that we do, current and future fees need to be such that the college is able to provide quality education in justice to the students.

### Definitions:

**Fees:** Those charges made to cover tuition and recurrent costs

**Levies:** Charges to cover subject materials and college activities on a user pays basis

**Parents and Friends Levy:** This replaces fund raising activities and enables the Parents and Friends Association to assist in building community by providing resources to the college that cannot be achieved in other ways.

**Voluntary Building Fund Levy:** This is tax deductible and is directly reinvested into the college in the form of improving the facilities available for the education of the students.

**Consequences:** As a member of the college community each parent/guardian needs to meet his/her obligations.

Those parents/guardians who experience difficulty in meeting their financial commitment to the college will have the opportunity to make arrangements with the Principal. The expectation is that some contribution will be made.

The college will act responsibly in its use of resources.