



15 December 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2023 PRIORITIES AND FEE SCHEDULE

I am writing to let you know about our key priorities and the fee structure for our School in 2023.

This year the focus of St Kieran's and all schools across Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) has been to enhance the quality of Catholic education we provide through significant investment in our *Learning Improvement Program*. This has included a new RE Curriculum, Collaborative Coaching to drive student improvement, and various other initiatives targeted at enhancing learning growth.

We have placed emphasis on projects that support learning improvement including additional teaching resources, a curriculum planning and assessment guide, as well as further investment in technology and enhancement and maintenance of our learning spaces.

2023 will continue to be a significant year of investment in Learning Improvement in our school and across all CSBB schools. Our focus will remain on:

- Strengthening a Catholic culture that promotes learning, relationships, and human flourishing
- Ensuring systematic delivery of curriculum and making full use of the new Planning and Assessment Guides
- Building leader and teacher expertise including full participation in collaborative coaching and planning time for all our teaching staff

As you would be aware, these improvements, along with other cost pressures, require us to assess the level of fees that are necessary for the operation of our schools in 2023. In assessing the fees for 2023, it is important to note that our school has not increased fees since 2020. We understand the cost-of-living pressures have continued to impact families post COVID and this year, we have worked hard to avoid major adjustments to fees.

We are pleased to advise that for 2023, through various efficiencies, and despite the additional investments to enhance learning, we have been able to minimise the school fee increase for 2023 across all grades.

A copy of the 2023 Schedule of Fees and Charges for St Kieran's is attached.

St Kieran's remains firm on our commitment that no family will be denied a Catholic education because of financial difficulties and will maintain our established financial assistance program which includes increased sibling discounts initially introduced during the pandemic. This will mean eligible families will receive a discount of 25% discount for the 2nd child and a 55% discount for the 3rd child, with the 4th child free.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, we have a number of fee relief options available to assist you. Please contact the School Fees Liaison Team via email (schoolfees@dbb.org.au) or phone 9847 0728.

We thank you for your understanding as to why the adjustment of fees is necessary and look forward to partnering with you in your child's learning in 2023 and beyond.

We are very grateful for your continued support and wish you and your family a restful break and every blessing for Christmas.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Marsella', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anna Marsella
PRINCIPAL, St Kieran's.