

3 September 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### **COLLEGE FEE SCHEDULE 2020 AND FINANCIAL POLICIES RELATED TO FEES**

Please find attached the 2020 College Fee Schedule and Financial Policies related to Fees. The College Board feels that we have a duty to give families as much time as possible to plan for their children's schooling in 2020. We also recognise that because we require 90 days' notice in writing from parents withdrawing children from the College it is only fair to give parents at least an equal amount of notice of the fees they can expect to pay in the ensuing year.

As a College, we rely on a mix of Federal and State Government funding (80%) and fee income (20%) to support our staff wages, equipment purchases, buildings, cleaning, furniture and the incidental costs that allow our College to run. This funding mix is determined by the Federal and State Government on a needs-based system. We manage the College frugally while keeping the standard of the facilities and education high.

As educational cost increases are in excess of the overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) index, a fee increase is, unfortunately, necessary in order to maintain the high standard of service that we provide. This fee increase (from 2019 to 2020) will be on average \$143 per student which equates to an average fee increase of about 3.1%.

We are proud of the fact that our College fees are one of the lowest of any private school on the Sunshine Coast and, as in previous years, our fees are all-inclusive. This means that there are no further compulsory costs that you will be charged through the year in the course of the normal educational service the College provides.

In 2020 our Payway Direct Debit System will again be our preferred method for the payment of College fees. Since introducing this regular payment option, it has proven to be the easiest way for parents to manage their payments over the school year. For the convenience of families, pre-calculated direct debit forms will again be distributed with your 2020 Fee Statement in January.

Please phone our Accounts Receivable Officer, Mrs Penny White on (07) 5439 0033 or email her at [fees@glasshouse.qld.edu.au](mailto:fees@glasshouse.qld.edu.au) to discuss any of the above matters further.

Yours sincerely



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