

## St Matthew's Primary School Fees and Levies Structure

Each year St Matthew's Primary School is provided with guidelines from Brisbane Catholic Education to mandate the appropriate use of Federal and State grant funding and monies received from families. These guidelines include staffing allocation, school fee rates, budgetary expenditure and saving buffers to support effective management of the school. Most funding is allocated to staff wages; some funding provides key support for learners with additional needs.

### Explaining School Fees and Levies

**Tuition Fee** contributes to costs associated with teaching and administration; classroom support and facilities; resources and equipment; maintenance of buildings and grounds; electricity, rates, and telecommunications; cleaning and consumables; and insurance.

**Capital Levy** contributes to costs associated with capital loan repayments and capital expenditure on school buildings, grounds, and equipment.

**FACE Levy** contributes to costs associated with FACE determined activities, community events, school projects, subscriptions for parent resources and the Catholic School Parents Queensland P&F Levy.

**Resource Levy** contributes to costs associated with student activities and curriculum resources, such as: sports equipment and carnivals; swimming lessons and carnival; bus transport; excursions and incursions, teacher and library resources and events; Religion resources; subscriptions and guest speakers; student welfare, first aid and office supplies; graduation and school celebrations.

### Information Technology/iPad & Laptop Program

St Matthew's is transitioning our early years into a 1:1 program of iPads. Allocation of devices to each student allows for better access and use of the various learning tools.

In 2023, each Year 1 student will be issued with a new iPad and keyboard to use until the end of Year 3. An IT Levy of \$250 will be applicable until the student commences Year 4, when they will transition to a laptop device.

To reduce potential financial burden to families, an IT Levy will not be introduced in 2023 for Years 2 and 3, as these classrooms are already fully equipped with school funded iPads. In 2024, the IT Levy will be applicable for Years 1 & 2; in 2025 for Years 1, 2 and 3.

The school will continue to monitor the yearly costs associated with the IT and Laptop Levies.

**Prep Support & IT Levy** contributes to costs associated with a full-time prep aide in each prep class and information technology resources.

**IT Levy** contributes to costs associated with the purchase and maintenance of iPad devices and accessories; warranty and insurance; software licences and internet servers; infrastructure to support network connectivity and internet access.

**Laptop Levy** contributes to costs associated with the purchase and maintenance of laptop devices and accessories; warranty and insurance; software licences and internet servers; infrastructure to support network connectivity and internet access.

### Please note:

- all iPad and laptop devices remain property of St Matthew's Primary School
- book and stationery lists are not included in the above fees and levies