

## **1. Attendance Dues**

Attendance Dues are collected on behalf of the Bishop of Christchurch, i.e. the Proprietor of the school.

All Catholic Schools charge Attendance Dues which are a legally binding charge on all parents and caregivers who have enrolled their children at a Catholic school. This is payable, unless in special circumstances, the charge has been waived by the Proprietor of the school for specific issues associated with a family.

In the Christchurch Diocese the Attendance Due charge is \$33.75 per term (including GST) for each child. The account is sent out early at the beginning of each term, from the parish, and ought to be paid to the parish.

The charging of Attendance Dues is authorised under the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act (1975) and are used to pay for costs associated with the land and buildings for the Catholic schools in the Diocese.

Where a parent has four or more children at a Catholic Primary School their attendance dues invoice will be for three children only, i.e. the fourth child, and any further children, will not be charged for attendance dues.

Accounts are sent by the Parish at the beginning of each term. Parents are strongly encouraged to set up an automatic payment with their bank.

## **2. Catholic Special Character Contribution**

The Catholic Special Character Contribution is collected on behalf of the Catholic Education Office and is used to cover costs associated with the provision and delivery of professional development and advisory services in support of Catholic Special Character in Catholic primary schools in the Diocese. The 2011 the Diocesan Catholic Special Character Contribution is \$10 per term, per child. This financial contribution is a tax deductible donation.

## **3. Family Contribution**

This is used by the Board of Trustees to supplement/subsidise the cost of activities not covered by the operations grant provided by the Ministry of Education. These include items such as subsidising class trips and cultural visits, producing the school magazine, etc. The family contribution is \$100.00 per annum per child with a maximum contribution \$300 per annum per family. This financial contribution is a tax deductible donation.

## **4. Religious Education Resource**

This is used by the Board of Trustees to supplement/subsidise the cost of the digital Religious Education resource required for the delivery of the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference's mandatory primary school Religious Education programme. The Religious Education Resource contribution is \$16.00 per annum, per child. This financial contribution is a tax deductible donation.