



MARIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PROCEDURE: **Attendance Dues & Other Income**

Attendance dues

All Catholic schools charge attendance dues, which are a legally binding charge on all parents and caregivers who enrol their children at a Catholic school. It is payable unless the proprietor waives the charges in special circumstances.

Attendance dues are authorised under the Education and Training Act 2020. They are a separate payment to any school donations, and are used to pay costs associated with property and insurance that are not funded by the government. Attendance dues are not a donation and are not eligible for a tax credit.

In this diocese, attendance dues can vary from year to year but are set for 2021 at \$452 per year for each student. The invoice is sent out at the beginning of the year, and should be paid to the school.

If a family will have difficulty paying the attendance dues, they should raise this with the school as soon as possible to discuss payment options.

Special character contribution

Marist Catholic School also has a Catholic special character contribution, which helps cover the costs associated with the delivery of professional development services in support of Catholic special character in Catholic primary and secondary schools. It is a donation paid to the Catholic Education Office and is eligible for a tax credit.

Our special character contribution is \$50 per year. It is included in the invoice at the beginning of the year. It is paid to the school and forwarded to the diocese.

General Purpose contribution

Marist Catholic School requests that parents pay a general purpose contribution. The contribution is set at the October/November board meeting. The board encourages every family to pay the contribution, which is used to provide resources to support our learning programme and ensure the best education for our students. Payment of the donation is voluntary, and school donations are eligible for a tax credit.

Our board of trustees contribution is currently set at \$300 per child. The amount is requested at the beginning of the year.

Activity fee

The activity fee goes towards the costs of activities during the year including performers, trips, and other events to support the curriculum.

The school's activity fee is \$100 per child, payable at the beginning of the year.

Building contribution

The building contribution goes towards ensuring the school is able to invest in capital projects. Historically this has contributed to things like the new building, field drainage and landscaping. In 2021 these are expected to be new drinking fountains and cultural murals and items.

The school's activity fee is \$100 per family, payable at the beginning of the year.

Family Assistance contribution

The family assistance contribution is in line with our values, which provides assistance to families who are experiencing financial difficulties; The contribution can be increased if families so desire.

The school's activity fee is \$25 per family, payable at the beginning of the year.

Fundraising

As well as increasing the school's revenue, fundraising provides many benefits, including:

- providing valuable experience and training to students
- involving students in service to the community
- encouraging students to value equipment they helped provide
- drawing parents more closely into the life of the school
- giving the community a sense of involvement with the school.

Fundraising guidelines

Fundraising by any individual or group follows our guidelines:

- It must be approved by the principal.
- Fundraising activities are recorded, and monitored through the school's usual financial checking system.
- Money raised must be spent for the approved purpose.
- Fundraising activities involving food meet food safety requirements.

It is illegal to offer liquor as a prize for certain gambling activities, such as raffles.