

St Mary's School is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS), where formation and education are based on the principles of Catholic doctrine, and where the teachers are outstanding in true doctrine and uprightness of life.

1. Eligibility for Concessional School Fees

- 1.1 Concessional school fees are available to any family that meets the below eligibility criteria:
 - 1.1.1 of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.
 - 1.1.2 holding an HCC and eligible for CSEF.
 - 1.1.3 experiencing severe financial hardship.
 - 1.1.4 holding a DVA Gold Card.
 - 1.1.5 identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard is strongly encouraged to apply for concessional fees.
- 1.2 Any family required to relocate their (Australian resident) child to St. Michael's Catholic Primary School, North Melbourne, due to the child requiring long term medical treatment at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Pro-rata concession is provided for part-year attendance. An annual statutory declaration is required to confirm eligibility.
- 1.3 HSS who attend a MACS primary school on a part time basis, who meet any of the criteria detailed in Policy points 1.1 or 1.2 are eligible for concessional fees.

2. Ineligibility for Concessional School Fees

- 2.1 FFPOS or full time HSS are ineligible for the concession as no government funding is available for FFPOS or full time HSS.

3. Concessional School Fees for Eligible Students

- 3.1 Students of eligible families are entitled to concessional school fees.
- 3.2 The school fee for eligible students is:
 - 1 child – \$15 per child per week, direct debit (\$780 per annum or \$195 per term)
 - 2 children – \$23 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1,196 per annum, or \$299 per term)
 - 3 + children – \$30 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1,560 per annum, or \$390 per term)
- 3.3 The above fees cover both tuition fees and curriculum and excursion levies.

4. Operationalisation of Concessional Fee Policy

- 4.1 Principals may apply this policy and procedures from the date of approval of this policy.
- 4.2 All schools are required to comply with this policy prior to setting fees for 2022.