Dear St Rita's Parents and Carers,

RE: 2027 School Fees

During Term 3, a focus for **St Rita's Catholic Primary School** was the preparation of the 2027 school budget. This work aimed to ensure we can continue to provide the best education for your child and protect the financial sustainability of the school.

Three main factors are influencing our 2027 school fees:

- a government funding model which determines our school's fees are based on student needs and calculated on a Direct Measure of Income (DMI) score, and
- a review of the sibling charge for consistency across all Brisbane Catholic Education schools
- the anticipated increase in staffing and education expenses for 2027

These factors have resulted in the following changes to our 2026 school fees:

- 4% increase in tuition fee
- Sibling charges to be as follows:

1. 1st child	100% tuition fee charged
2. 2nd child	60% tuition fee charged
3. 3rd child	40% tuition fee charged
4. 4th child	20% tuition fee charged
5. Additional children	no tuition fee charged

- 13% increase in the Capital Levy
- Small increase to school general levies depending on year level and camp and bus charges predicted for 2027
- 4% increase to Technology Levy
- No increase to SPN levy.

Attached is a schedule of our school fees as set for 2027. The Executive Director has recommended these increases. The St Rita's School Board and Parish Finance Committee has supported these increases.

FACTS, Bpay, BPOINT and our EFTPOS facility are the available payment options.

All payment options are listed at the bottom of your fee statement issued each term.

FACTS
If you wish to avail yourself of the FACTS regular direct debit system (direct debit via credit card or bank account), please use the below link to login or set up a new FACTS payment plan for 2027. Please use the **Fees and Levies Calculations** excel sheet attached with this letter to work out your annual amount owing, as this is the amount you need for completion of FACTS set up.

https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4QVVW

Continuing Parents in 2027 who have a 2026 FACTS payment set up will also need to set up a new plan for 2027. Please login to FACTS to complete this process.

For your convenience, you can also make one off/termly Credit Card payments via the below Bpoint link below

Online School Payment

Camp costs are included in your school fee levies.

All concessions are on an annual basis. Application for concessions needs to be made at the beginning of each calendar year. Please ensure you have read through the Fee Policy document carefully. The decision to grant a concession is made on the family's assessed ability to pay based on information disclosed by the family and nationally recognised poverty scales.

If a child's enrolment is to be withdrawn, one term's written notice is required before refunds are considered.

If school fees are paid in full for the year by 28/02/2027, a discount of 5% will be offered on the Tuition fee component of the account. I appreciate that an increase in fees can be difficult for some families. If you have any concerns about the 2027 school fees, please contact the school to discuss your family's circumstances.

Yours Sincerely,

Nathan Mulhearn

Principal