



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

24th May 2024

This week Year 4F led us in prayer, reminding us of the importance of choosing to be kind and make good choices, not only when people are looking but because we know it is right. The message was to also care for others in our community. This has certainly been a week where this has been needed. Firstly, Mr. Cristian Zandona received a destructive head clash to his face during a game of weekend soccer, requiring surgery in Brisbane. He is now recovering, and we hope to see Cristian return in a week or two. Then, the lovely Principal of St. Joseph's, Mrs. Monica White was in a serious car accident on her way to school. Monica is still recovering in hospital, so please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this concerning time.

This week saw the culmination of Prep interviews for 2025. This year we were overwhelmed with applications from wonderful families and first round offers will be sent out in the coming days. I would like to thank Mrs. Lucy Storey who has assisted with the interviewing of existing families, whilst Acting APA, which she has carried out exceptionally. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs. Annette Hammermeister who will return from leave next Monday. A big thank you also to Mrs Barb Byrne who bounced from the Learning Hub to Prep S, with great energy and flexibility. We are so fortunate to have such a natural educator in Barb, who is so generous in her support of St. Patrick's. Amanda Modolo, Jo Driver and Tracey Cook have also assisted in the interviewing process, and I am very grateful for their assistance. Once again, new families have suggested that they have been drawn to St. Patrick's due to 'word of mouth' and in witnessing how our students present themselves in public. We are so blessed and thankful for the supportive parents and carers we have at St. Patrick's and your children are a credit to you, as they, along with our Teachers, make this a great place to learn, grow and be!

Recently, I shared some history around the Government's funding of schools, with the Board and Teachers to explain where we have come from and where we are headed, with changes being endorsed to the education funding model. Please find below the first of a series of advice pieces, developed to inform our Catholic Education families of the new Federal Government Funding model (Gonski model) and the impact on funding for Catholic Schools. Over the coming months, further advice pieces will be shared, with each piece building on the detail of the previous. Please take the time to read each of the pieces, to understand the impact of the changes on the funding for our school and School fees. School Fees will contribute more than ever to the essential running of this wonderful school, and we appreciate the sacrifice many make to prioritise their children's access to a holistic Catholic education.

This Sunday we celebrate another Children's Mass at the St. Patrick's 9am Mass. I thank, in advance, our students that will be involved in this celebration. Hope to see you there!

Wherever the weekend takes you, be safe, travel carefully and savour the journey, always!

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How are Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton Schools funded?

Why do Catholic School parents pay school fees?

Catholic schools are open to all who seek and support the values espoused by the school. The provision of Catholic schooling is made possible through parental payment of school fees and levies combined with funding support provided by Federal and State governments. The funding support recognises the rights of parents to exercise choice in their education providers. The continuing provision of quality Catholic Education for all students in the Diocese requires that all enrolling parents/caregivers pay school fees and levies as and when they fall due.

History of Catholic School Funding

pre
1964

Catholic Schools funded by parent and parishioner donations.

1964

Act of Parliament introduced Federal Government funding for Non-Government schools in Australia.

1970

Federal Government introduced recurrent funding for Non-Government schools in Australia. Recurrent funding supports the ongoing operating expenses of all schools.

- The Federal Government has reviewed and refined the **recurrent** funding model a number of times.
- Improved data capability now allows the Federal Government to allocate recurrent funding to where it is needed most - this is known as "**needs-based**" funding.

2001

Federal Government introduced the **Socio-Economic Status (SES) funding model** - a "needs-based" model linking student addresses to Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census Collections Districts to give an SES score.

- Schools were ranked relative to each other based on the SES of their community.
- **CEDR was funded via the SES model until 2022.**

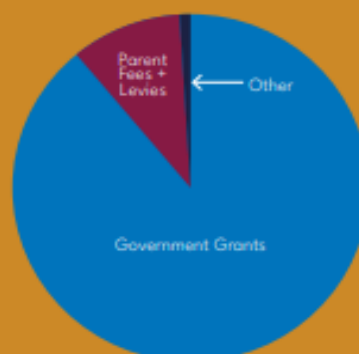
SES model and CEDR schools (our past 22 years)



Low Parent Fees + Levies Contributions

The SES model has provided sufficient school funding for the past 22 years through State and Federal Government funding, with low parent fees and levies contributions (see graph).

- Primary school parent fees and levies: up to \$5.70/day
- Secondary school parent fees and levies: up to \$14/day



Family Discounts

CEDR schools support families via generous family discounts.



Fee Concessions

CEDR schools support families experiencing financial hardship through various concession arrangements.



Cost Effective

CEDR schools are cost effective operations.

What is the **NEW** Federal Government Funding model for Non-Government schools?

Base Funding

Primary Student = \$13,557
Secondary Student = \$17,036 (2024)

Capacity to Contribute

% of base funding that Non-Government schools must raise privately, ranging from 10% to 80%, depending on the median income of parents at the school.



Loadings

Additional funding for six types of students and schools in priority cohorts. Student disadvantage: Indigeneity, Disability, Socio-Educational, Low-English Proficiency. School disadvantage: Size and Location.

School Resource Standard (SRS)

Per student funding is calculated on the unique characteristics of each school, its parents and its students.

Source: National Catholic Education Commission 2023

- The **School Resource Standard (SRS) funding model** is the Federal Government Needs-Based Funding Model, based on recommendations from the Gonski Review of Funding for Schooling.
- The SRS is the Federal Government's assessment of how much funding schools require to meet student educational needs.
 - SRS determines funding for Government and Non-Government schools and comprises both Base Funding and Loadings.
 - Base Funding paid to Non-Government schools is reduced by the Federal Government's assessment of Parent Capacity to Contribute.
- Schools that are currently funded above the target Federal Government share of SRS will transition to it by 2029 (this applies to most CEDR schools).
- Unlike many Non-Government schools, CEDR schools deliver education to students **within the SRS**.

THE BUNDABERG CATHOLIC
PARISH WELCOMES YOU TO
A CHILDREN'S MASS



“Let the
children come
to me”

Luke:18:16

Sunday 26th May,
9:00am Mass
St Patrick's Church

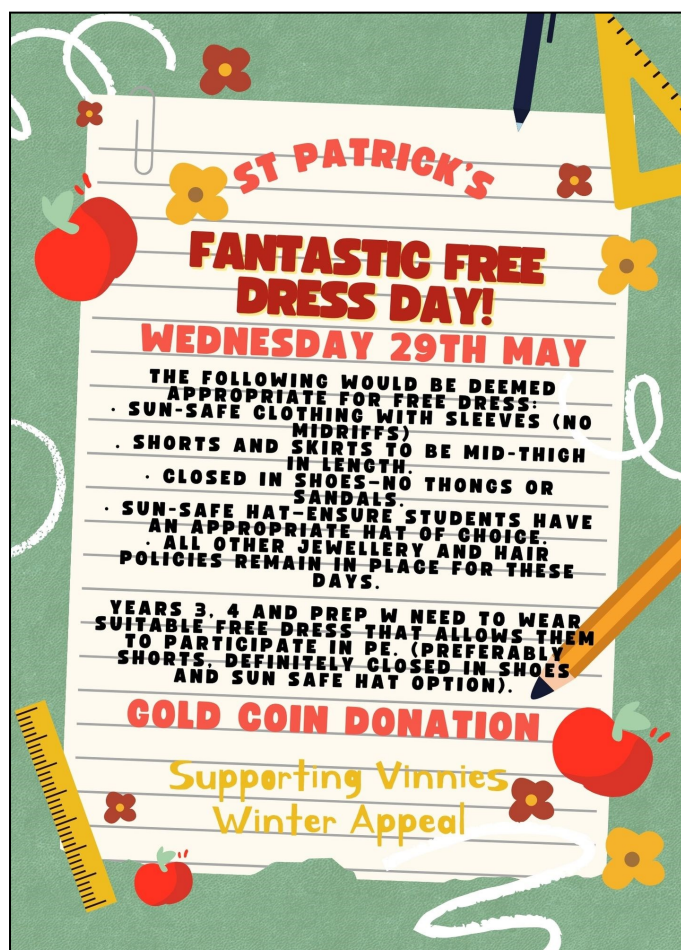
All parishioners and
families are invited.



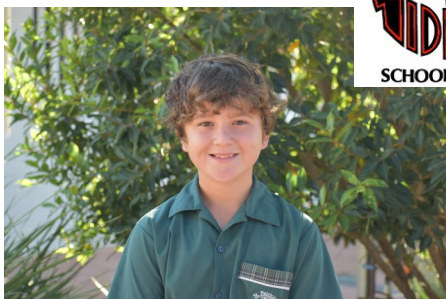
FREE DRESS DAY

NEXT WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

Gold coin donation to support St Vincent De Paul's Winter Appeal
Sunsafe clothing. Years 3, 4 & Prep W to wear suitable free dress that allows them to participate in PE lessons.



SPORTS NEWS—WIDE BAY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES



Congratulations to **CHRISTIAN R, AARON C** and **HAYDEN S** who have been selected to represent Wide Bay in their respective sports.

Christian gained selection in Touch Football and Rugby League which is an amazing achievement and will travel to Rockhampton and the Gold Coast in June. Aaron will travel away to compete in Brisbane for Tennis, and Hayden will travel to the Sunshine Coast next week for AFL.

Well done boys and we wish you all a fun and rewarding experience at your upcoming trials.

SPORTS NEWS—DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge Essie M, Kelan E, Reeve L, Lily P, Sophia L, Riley F, Hayden S, Matilda K, Giorgi P, Jayden S, Jace R, Flo L and Indigo B who competed at the Bundaberg District Cross Country Trials at Avoca State School last Friday.

These students showed true grit and determination as they competed against the top two runners from schools in the Bundaberg District, with each event consisting of up to 50 competitors.

Congratulations to Kelan E, Essie Mc, Matilda K, Flo L and Jayden S who have now been selected to represent the Bundaberg District at the Wide Bay Cross Country trials to be held in Maryborough next month. A notable mention to Reeve L who narrowly missed achieving selection achieving 8th place in his 10 year old 2km race.

We wish all students all the very best as they prepare for this next stage of selection.

10 years — 2km: Kelan E (6th)

11 years — 2km Essie Mc (1st) Multi-Class

11 years — 3 km Matilda K (3rd)

12 years – 3km: Flo L (2nd) and Jayden S (3rd)



IMPORTANT DATES

THURSDAY JUNE 6

YEAR 3 EXCURSION
MON REPOS CONSERVATION PARK

MONDAY JUNE 10

FIELD EVENTS DAY - ST PATRICK'S
STUDENTS BORN 2012, 2013 & 2014

TUESDAY JUNE 11

MUSIC RETREAT - CHAVERIM
JUNIOR & SENIOR STRINGS STUDENTS

FRIDAY JUNE 14

SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - SHALOM
STUDENTS BORN 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015

FRIDAY JUNE 21

JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
ST PATRICK'S
STUDENTS BORN 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019

SAVE THE DATES

TERM TWO PLANNER

WEEK 7	Week 27th May - 31st May		
Monday	Parish Mass	8:40am	Year 4
Tuesday—Wednesday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	4M
Thursday	BUNDABERG SHOW HOLIDAY		
Friday	Interschool Sport—LAST WEEK	12:30pm	Years 5-6
WEEK 8	Week 3rd June - 7th June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1M
WEEK 9	Week 10th June - 14th June		
Monday	Field Events Day - students born 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	St Patrick's
Tuesday	Music Retreat Day - Junior & Senior Strings students	All Day	Chaverim
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1H
Friday	Senior Athletics Carnival - students born 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2012	All Day	Shalom
WEEK 10	Week 17th June - 21st June		
Tuesday—Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	1Z
Friday	Junior Athletics Carnival - students born 2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016	All Day	St Patrick's