

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL PAPAKURA



Together We Learn, We Pray, We Serve

Me Whakakotahi, Kia Maarama, Kia Pono, Ki Te Karakia

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## *Dear Parents and Caregivers*

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to advise a significant change in the costs that we ask to be paid by parents of our enrolled students.

In the 2019 budget, the Government announced additional grant funding for Decile 1 - 7 schools, on the proviso that schools ceased asking for donations from their parent community.

The St. Mary's Board have opted into this scheme, which means we are no longer asking for a Board donation. Any donations requested by the school will be limited to new guidelines and are restricted to activities such as school camps.

Therefore, the only charges we are advising you of is the Attendance Dues of \$448 per student per year, a compulsory charge paid by the school to the Bishop, as well as the voluntary Special Character contribution of \$50 per student per year.

Attendance Dues are legally binding and must be paid (Section 447 of the Education Act 1989). For exemptions to payment of any Attendance Dues please contact the School Principal.

<i>Attendance Dues 2020 (Per Student)</i>		<i>Special Character Contribution 2020 (Per Student)</i>
Term One	\$112	\$12.50
Term Two	\$112	\$12.50
Term Three	\$112	\$12.50
Term Four	\$112	\$12.50
<b>Total Per Year</b>	<b>\$448</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

Special Character contributions collected on behalf of the Proprietor are raised in terms of Section 451 of the Education Act 1989. (Tax deductible).

If families find payment difficult, you are able to pay by instalments. Please contact the school office to obtain the school's bank account number and details on how to set up this method.

Yours faithfully

George Khoury  
**Board of Trustees Chair**