



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - GENERAL

1. **What is the Low Fee initiative?**

Catholic Education is committed to supporting and working with parents to help each student reach their full potential. We are committed to providing quality, accessible and affordable faith-based education and supporting families of diverse backgrounds and financial means.

The Low Fee initiative aims to reduce the burden of fees for parents whose child/children attend Catholic primary schools in low socio-economic areas. This initiative builds on the imperative laid down in the Bishops' Mandate to make Catholic Education accessible to all families seeking a Catholic education for their children.

2. **What are the fees under the new initiative?**

Catholic Education WA's Low SES Fee Support initiative will reduce tuition fees down to Health Care Card level. Parents/carers will be charged a total of \$390 per child, from Kindy to Year 6, in 2019. Other charges may still apply depending on fee policy of the school. Sibling discounts are still available. The \$390 fee will be reviewed and approved every year by Catholic Education Commission of WA.

3. **Are Building and P&F levies still to be included as additions? What about excursions and camps?**

The \$390 fee includes \$300 in tuition fees and \$90 for building levy. P&F levies will continue. Other charges may still apply and are dependent on each of the seven schools fee policy and the discretion of the Principal.

4. **How is the cost of education being covered if fees have been reduced?**

The lost fee income that would normally be paid to schools will be subsidised by Catholic Education WA. We are committed to providing quality, accessible and affordable education, and are committed to reducing barriers for local communities.

5. **Will the quality of education at these schools be reduced?**

Quality-based education will continue to be delivered at the schools involved in this initiative. The high standard of faith-based teaching and resources will remain the same as other Catholic primary schools and colleges throughout the State.

6. **How long will the initiative last for?**

The new fee structure for schools involved will be in place for 2019 and will continue indefinitely. Fees are reviewed and approved every year by the Catholic Education Commission of WA and Catholic Education is committed to supporting and working with parents to ensure access to quality and affordable education.

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