



Catholic Schools Office

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

In 2002, the proprietors of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Auckland formed a new company, the Auckland Common Fund Ltd (ACFL) and a separate new Catholic Education Services Board (CESB) to take over the functions of the Board of Proprietors and the Catholic Integrated Schools Board (CISB).

ACFL is responsible for finance and property functions, and the CESB is responsible for the preservation and maintenance of the special character of our schools.

The property department of the office works with proprietors, boards of trustees, principals and parish priests to ensure that our Catholic schools receive educational facilities comparable to state schools.

The religious education advisers and other members of the office work with schools to ensure that the special character of our schools is maintained at the highest level.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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EVERYTHING
PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT...

Attendance Dues

Why do we pay them?
What are they used for?
How do they help my children?
Is assistance available?

WHY YOU PAY ATTENDANCE DUES

As a condition of enrolment at an integrated school, there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay attendance dues. Some of the dues help provide the land and buildings needed for our Catholic school system in the Auckland Diocese.

WHAT YOUR DUES ARE USED FOR

Dues are used to repay loans for building work done at the schools in the Auckland Diocese (see the pie chart overleaf). Those loans have been incurred to provide school facilities and new schools to the standard of comparable state schools. They are also used for school building

work, insurance costs and other property-related costs.

SPECIAL CHARACTER COSTS

The Special Character contribution is a separate charge additional to the dues that is needed to fund the costs associated with the work of the religious education advisers and the office personnel working under the Catholic Education Services Board.

WHAT ATTENDANCE DUES WILL COST YOU

As from Term 1, 2016 the following charges apply:

Primary Students: \$412 per year (\$103.00 per term incl. GST)

Secondary Students: \$808 per year (\$202.00 per term incl. GST).



HOW TO PAY YOUR DUES

Dues are invoiced by your school and, depending on facilities available, you will be able to choose from the following methods of payment:

- Cash • Eftpos
- Automatic payment
- Internet banking • Cheque

Dues can be paid in full at the beginning of the school year, per term or by regular instalment.

IS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Although full payment of attendance dues is a legal obligation, in order that no preference child should be denied a Catholic education because of family financial hardship,

assistance may be granted in the following situations:

- Loss of income redundancy
- Family circumstances
- Extended unemployment
- Death of a parent or caregiver

To arrange for such assistance, you should contact your parish priest or the school principal in order to discuss your situation in confidence.

FUTURE BUILDING PROJECTS

Attendance dues are used for major capital projects in the schools of the Auckland Diocese to provide the best possible facilities for our students today and in the future. The more funds collected, the more money that is available to finance a much needed project such as a new classroom or a new library.

The photographs in this brochure show school buildings in the Auckland diocese that have been funded through a combination of Government funding and loans debt serviced from collected dues.

You can help provide more school facilities for the education of your children by prompt payment of your dues. The next classroom or laboratory we build may be the one your child needs.

YOUR DUES HAVE HELPED ACHIEVE...

- McAuley High School: New Classroom Block
- St Mary's Northcote: Administration/Library Block
- Sancta Maria Primary School: New Classroom block
- Stella Maris Silverdale: New library
- Liston College: 10-classroom block
- St Dominic's College: Multi-purpose gym/hall
- Marist Primary Herne Bay: Administration/library
- De La Salle College: Multi-purpose centre.

