



To: Parents/Caregivers of Catholic Primary School Students

3 September 2020

From: Bishop Paul Martin SM

Re: 2021 Attendance Dues and Catholic Special Character Contribution

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I write to confirm the diocesan primary school attendance dues and Catholic Special Character Contribution rate for 2021 and provide a brief explanation of these items:

	2021
Attendance Dues	\$362.00 (incl GST) per annum (\$90.50 per term)
Catholic Special Character Contribution	\$50.00 per annum (\$12.50 per term)

#### Attendance Dues

Attendance Dues are a legal charge and not a donation. Attendance Dues are for property related costs, including compliance costs, school building works, loan repayments, building insurance and costs directly associated with the administration of attendance dues.

By way of background information, in 2020 the average diocesan Catholic primary school attendance dues charge throughout New Zealand is \$466.80 and over the coming years we will be required to progressively move towards this national rate.

#### Catholic Special Character Contribution

The Catholic Special Character Contribution (CSCC) is a voluntary contribution. As such it is exempt from GST and is tax deductible; a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

**No contributions are made by the Government for attendance dues matters or CSCC services.**

I know that there are people in our community who will be suffering in a variety of ways during this time, including financially.

If you are experiencing hardship (loss of income/redundancy, family reasons, etc.) and need some financial support you are encouraged to approach your parish priest to discuss your circumstances.

Please be assured that the diocese is committed to continuing to provide quality Catholic education at as reasonable a price as possible.

I thank you for your ongoing support and I pray that God will continue to bless you and your family.

Yours faithfully

+ Paul Martin SM  
Bishop of Christchurch

