



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRESHWATER

15 December 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2026 PRIORITIES AND FEE SCHEDULE

As we approach the end of the year, I'd like to share some updates about our priorities and the fee structure for 2026.

This year, St John the Baptist PS Freshwater, together with all Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) schools, has continued to focus on delivering high-quality Catholic education.

Looking ahead, our work is guided by our Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith Strategy. For your children, this means:

- **Learning that meets the needs of students** – teachers are using evidence-based approaches to support each student and help them thrive.
- **Wellbeing at the heart of school life** – both students and staff receive strong pastoral support to feel safe, connected, and motivated.
- **Every student reaching their potential** – we will leverage CSBB's new Data Eco System to monitor progress closely so all students, especially those in priority groups, can be their best.
- **Supporting our teachers** – staff are continually developing their skills and growing in faith to provide the highest-quality learning.
- **Nurturing future leaders** – we are encouraging students and staff to develop the skills and confidence to carry our mission forward.
- **Seamless learning pathways** – as across CSBB we broaden support from early years to post-school, to provide a clear and supportive journey for every student.
- **Responding to family and community needs** – we are listening to our school community and evolving where necessary to better serve families.

We also continue to prioritise collaborative coaching time for our staff, which provides an opportunity each week to review teaching, learning and the progress of students with a School Leader. This initiative, along with the enhanced support being provided to staff in each of our classrooms, is helping each student achieve their best.

To maintain these initiatives and respond to rising costs, fees will need to increase in 2026. We do understand the cost-of-living pressure on our families and have restricted the increase in the education fee in our school to **4.4%**.

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The 2026 fee schedule for our **St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Freshwater** is **attached**.

We remain deeply committed to ensuring no family misses out on a Catholic education due to financial difficulties and we are available to discuss financial hardship support if needed.

In addition, we will be maintaining our commitments to Sibling discounts in 2026, providing families with extra support:

Number of Education Fees billed to an account	Discount to the Education Fee
1	0%
2	25%
3	55%
4+	100%

Please note that sibling discounts apply only to children enrolled in CSBB systemic schools, based on the number of Education Fees billed to a parent's account. Sibling Discounts do not apply to children attending non-systemic Catholic schools.

Where parents or carers have multiple accounts with CSBB, sibling discounts may not be automatically applied to the invoice. Once invoices are received early in February 2026, any queries should be directed to the School Fee Liaison Team.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please do reach out to the School Fees Liaison Team via email (schoolfees@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or phone 7256 2888 for confidential support. We offer several options for any family in need.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. We wish you and your family a restful break and every blessing for Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alicia van der Merwe'.

Alicia van der Merwe

PRINCIPAL, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Freshwater

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2026 SCHEDULE OF FEES

The 2026 fee structure for the first child in **St John the Baptist PS Freshwater** is outlined below.

DESCRIPTION	Amount (\$)
Education Fee	\$4,853.00
Supplementary Fee	
Yr 6 Camp	\$588.00

1. The Education Fee is billed per student. Where a parent/carer (debtor) is responsible for the payment of fees for more than one student within a CSBB systemic school, a sibling discount is available for subsequent students. Sibling discounts apply only to children enrolled in CSBB systemic school, based on the number of Education Fees billed to a debtor's account.

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1	0%
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4+	100%

2. For debtors with multiple accounts, sibling discounts may not be automatically applied. If you have any questions after receiving your invoice in February 2026, please contact the School Fee Liaison Team (schoolfees@dbb.catholic.edu.au).
3. Any other extra curricula charge other than those listed on the above Fee Schedule (E.g. band, instrument hire, representative sport etc.) are to be paid via our alternative payment platform (QKR, COMPASS Pay etc.).
4. Please refer to CSBB Fee Management Policy available from CSBB's website under About Us>Policies.

BILLING

School fees are billed annually at the beginning of Term 1 by CSBB and are due in 10 monthly instalments. The first instalment is due 21st of February and the last payment being November. School fees may be paid more frequently (annually, fortnightly, or weekly), however the monthly instalment amount is to be paid by the 21st of the month. Our preferred method of payment for fees is BPAY.

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