

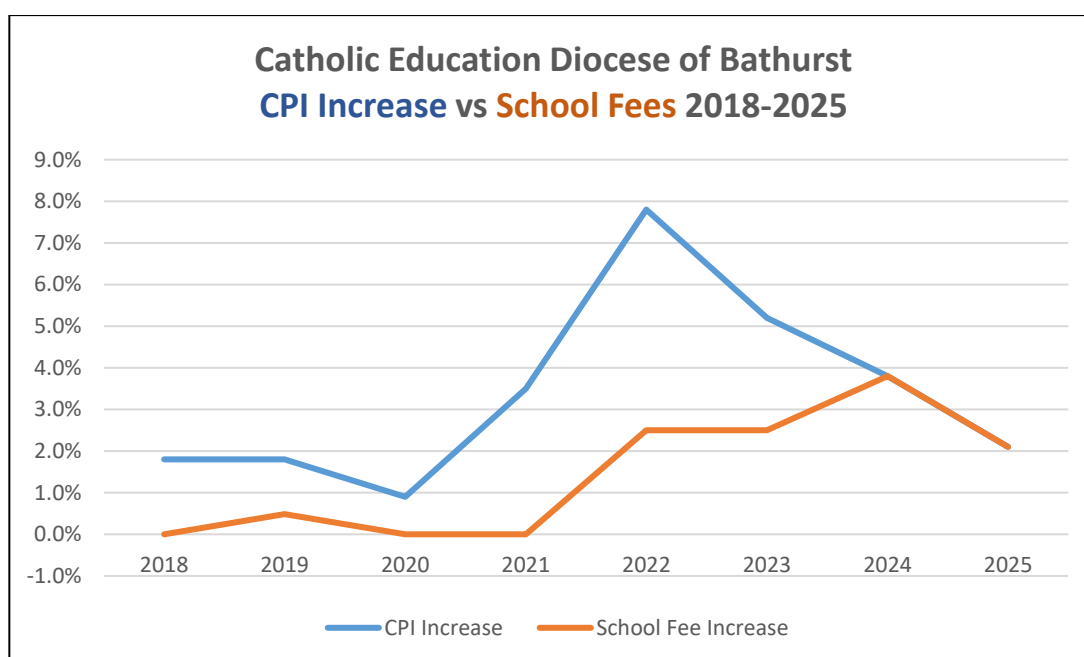
Dear Parent/Carer,

The Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst is committed to providing quality Catholic education to all students in Diocesan schools.

The Diocesan School Fee and Capital Works Levy per family increase has been kept consistent with the recent CPI of 2.1% for 2026.

The School Fee and Capital Works Levy increase has been set at a level that is consistent with current inflation rates but below significant cost increases experienced over recent years, particularly in the areas of materials, construction and wages.

The graph below illustrates the historical Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst annual school fee increases against the CPI.



The 2026 School Fee increase equates to an average of \$0.95 per week for a primary student and \$1.85 per week for a secondary student for the 42 billing weeks of the school year.

Fee relief remains available for those parents who are facing financial hardship. If you have not done so already, please contact your school for a Fee Relief Application. There are also Health Care Card concessions for eligible parents. You may also contact the Fees Liaison Officer at Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst at floceb@bth.catholic.edu.au for assistance with concessions. Please do not hesitate to discuss with your school principal the concessions available.

I thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education in the diocese of Bathurst.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Trimble
Executive Director of Schools