



FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS CONTRIBUTION POLICY

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1 Policy

Catholic schooling at St Francis College is available to all families who seek our religious and educational values. Thus, enrolment at St Francis carries a responsibility upon families to support the ethos and values of the College. A Catholic community is created through the contribution of all its members – students, staff and parents. Parental support and contribution is vital to the academic, pastoral, spiritual, sporting and social success of St Francis College.

St Francis College values the generosity of parents who partner with the College in the education of the students and who volunteer their time and skills to contribute to and enhance the College community. The Friends of St Francis (Parent Community Group) levy exists to facilitate improvements to enhance educational outcomes for the students. However, parents may volunteer their time or services to the College as an alternative to the monetary contribution of the Friends of St Francis levy.

2 Implementation

- 2.1 The Friends of St Francis Levy will be \$120 per student in 2019 (5 hours volunteer work at the College). If families/caregivers have 4 or more children, the maximum volunteer hours expected is 20. The Friends of St Francis Levy would be waived after 20 hours;
- 2.2 Such volunteer work may include, but is not restricted to:
 - i. Tuckshop;
 - ii. Coaching sporting teams;
 - iii. Supervising College events (e.g., discos, movie nights);
 - iv. Setting up and packing up for such events as St Francis Festival and Graduation Nights;
 - v. Friends of St Francis Working Bee.

The School will notify you when such opportunities exist.

- 2.3 Fees will be issued with the Friends of St Francis levy charged. Parents who are able to volunteer their time are asked to complete the Volunteer Claim form and submit it to the Office. The Friends of St Francis levy will be deducted from their account;
- 2.4 If the parents pay The Friends of St Francis levy and subsequently volunteer, the levy will be deducted from their next school fees after the form has been submitted;
- 2.5 We appreciate that many parents and friends volunteer time in excess of 5 hours. We hope parents find intrinsic reward in generously volunteering their time. Unfortunately this time cannot be deducted from school fees and levies as this income is essential to school operations.