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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our commitment to providing the best possible education for our nearly 1,700 students, is always our unrelenting mission. We strive to maintain an environment where every student can flourish, supported by exceptional staff and enriched by a comprehensive academic and co-curricular program.

As we finalise our budget for 2026, we are mindful of the increasing pressures on educational costs. Our decision to adjust school fees is never taken lightly and reflects the need to sustain the high quality of education you expect and that our students deserve. The Education CPI (Consumer Price Index) provides a valuable benchmark, and we see significant contemporary impacts on our costs. Large components of our costs as a school, such as digital resources and software, utilities, salaries, transport costs, trades and contractors are increasing beyond the published inflation data.

The investments we make each year in the quality of the educational product, our facilities, staff and an expanded school day footprint, ensure we can continue to offer a wide range of academic subjects and a rich tapestry of co-curricular activities, including sport and activities, thoughtsports, academic tutorials, gifted and talented education and leadership development. We can achieve this objective because of the financial commitment our families make to their sons' and daughters' education.

We want to be transparent about the financial landscape we're navigating. The Commonwealth and State governments do contribute significantly to our overall revenue, in conjunction with fees from parents; in fact, grants are still the biggest contributor to our overall revenue. However, for many years in a row, government grants have not kept pace with the baseline costs of running the College. The natural consequence of this reality is that tuition fees need to meet that shortfall.

However, we are always careful to increase tuition costs at the lowest possible rate that does not compromise the quality of a Canterbury education. We believe this is a necessary step to maintain the high standard of excellence that defines our school.

I know parents have appreciated the changes we have introduced in recent years to respond better to the realities of family cash flows, by the introduction of more payment frequency options.

From 2026, we will only bill once per year. This new approach further simplifies the way parents will set up payment arrangements. The enclosed fee schedule provides all the details you need to set up your preferred payment plan, whether that is fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or in a single annual payment. We believe this change will provide greater transparency and flexibility for all our families. When the accounts are sent in the new year, families will also receive a text message communication linking to a simple 'payment frequency intentions' portal.

We understand that school fees are a significant financial commitment. Please know that we are dedicated to being responsible stewards of these funds, with every dollar reinvested into the school to benefit your sons and daughters.

We look forward to another successful year of partnership with you.

Sincerely,

Dan Walker
Principal