



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARENTS

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Financial assistance is available at three levels:

## 1. ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE

**Family Discount** - for those families with multiple students in Catholic Schools in the Rockhampton Diocese. This doesn't apply to boarding fees or special levies.

**Edmund Rice Bursaries** - concessions may be available to parents when a demonstrated need exists due to financial circumstances. Applications are to be submitted on the relevant form to the Business Manager and will be treated confidentially.

## 2. STATE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

**Text Book Allowance** - this is included in the calculation of fees and will be paid directly to the College.

**Living Away From Home Allowance** - you may be entitled to these:

- a) Remote Area Tuition Allowance - to help with the payment of tuition fees (paid direct to the College).
- b) Remote Area Travel Allowance - for students who meet the residential distance eligibility criteria, assistance is available to offset travelling expenses.

Please contact the Department of Education to establish your eligibility. (Telephone: 1800 248 997)

## 3. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Subject to eligibility criteria, the following assistance may be available:

- a) Assistance for Isolated Children - to help with the payment of boarding fees. (Telephone: 132 318)
- b) Youth Allowance, (Telephone: 132 490) or
- c) ABSTUDY (Telephone: 132 317 Please contact Centrelink to establish your eligibility.)

## CREDIT POLICY

St Brendan's, as an Edmund Rice Education Australia School, is committed to providing quality Catholic education and care for all our students. EREA have always made every effort to educate young people regardless of financial background. At the same time, the College must operate in a business-like manner. Hence the need for this credit policy.

### 1. Issuing of accounts

School fee statements are issued on four occasions throughout the school year. A fifth account is issued close to the end of the year for incidental items incurred.

### 2. Payment of fees

All school fees are due and payable on charging. However, parents may wish to enter into a regular alternative payment arrangement. Please contact the Accounts Receivable Officer to arrange payment to cover fees by either direct debit or credit card.

### 3. Discount for Fees Paid in Advance

A discount is available where the annual tuition fee is paid in full and received at the College by the first day of Term 1. For 2024 the discount is 5% of the Tuition Fee portion of the account.

### 4. Action on overdue accounts

The Business Manager will draw to the attention of the Principal all delinquent accounts, together with a recommended course of action. One such action could be the authorisation of formal recovery action. All costs associated with recovery action will be passed onto the parents or guardians.

**N.B.** Participation in excursions, trips or sporting tours is not allowed if an account has been declared delinquent, or if payment is not received prior to travel, unless specific approval is granted by the Principal.

### 5. Refund Policy

The College will not refund any fee should the student fail to complete the term.