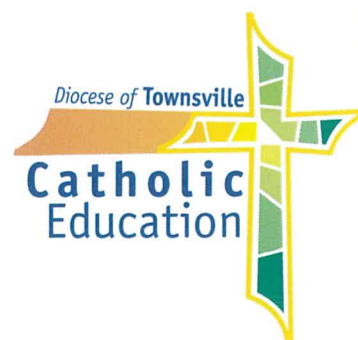


Parent Engagement Forum Agenda/Minutes

Date: Friday 12th September 2025

Attendees: Nic, Emma, James, Pam, Lorna, Michelle, Chloe, Lauren, Olivia, Annalyce, Brooke, Louisa, Kaili. **Next Meeting** — Friday 17th October

Items for discussion	Meeting Notes
	Previous meeting minutes reviewed and passed
Fathers Day Thanks	A huge thanks to all the Dads that came along to celebrate Fathers Day with us- it was a great success and we had about 40 men attend. Thanks to the members of the P/F who helped to organize and run the Father's Day Stall. Thanks to Lorna who cooked the sausages for BBQ.
Guidance Counsellor	Welcomed Margot Cook to SJB as our new GC. She will be at SJB Thursdays and Fridays fortnightly.
Glencore Grant	The flooring in the demountable building will be done over the holidays and is costing \$11K from the \$13K Glencore Grant. \$10k will come from P/F to complete the kitchen/plumbing. P/F account has a current balance of \$28K which will leave P/F account at \$18K.
NSSAB Update	Non State Schools Accreditation Board has reviewed the guidelines and have changed the time allocations and delivery of the Australian Curriculum which will have an affect on how SJB sets up the learning times in classes. This information will be shared with parents. These new guidelines will also have an impact on the extra things we do outside of the prime learning and teaching time. For e.g. School Celebrations and Assemblies. Will trial Assembly moving to Friday afternoons next term from 2pm -2:30pm- P/F meeting to be held before Assembly from 1:30pm. Consideration by staff around brain breaks- suggestion was also made that Breakfast Club be held Mon. Wed, Fri. It was discussed that students do need a break during learning not necessarily a food break. Will continue to discuss with teaching staff.
Term 4	Teaching staff have indicated at this stage that they will be staying for the 2026 school year. Nic is going on Long Service Leave in Term 4 from the end of Week 4 and a Acting Principal will be appointed for this time by TCE.
Footy Colours Day	Looking for helpers with the BBQ for the Footy Colours Day - thanks to Brooke and Annalyce for helping out :)
Going online	We are hoping to get the tuckshop online next term- we will also be trying to get all consent forms also online using the Compass Parent Portal.
Disco Term 4	It was suggested that we hold a Disco early in Term 4 for the students- Nic to allocate a date for P/F to organize Theme etc.
Mission Statement	P/F members reflected on the wording of the final version of the Mission Statement and below is the final version sent out for final comments. <i>With God at the heart of all we do, we nurture a welcoming and inclusive space where faith is lived and everyone is encouraged to be their best.</i>



08/10/2025

Dear Families

Subject: 2026 Diocesan Tuition Fees

I'm writing to share an update regarding the Diocesan Tuition Fees for 2026, which form part of your overall school fees.

The Diocesan Education Council (DEC) has endorsed a 5.5% increase in tuition fees, following a recommendation from the Diocesan Finance Committee. This decision was made with thoughtful consideration of the current economic climate and future capital planning to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality education across our schools.

At the same time, we remain deeply committed to families who may be experiencing financial hardship.

This fee increase equates to approximately \$3 per school week for a primary student.

Family discount structures will continue to apply across Diocesan system schools:

- **Primary:** 50% discount for the second child, 80% for the third and no fee for the fourth and subsequent children.

Families who hold eligible concession cards will continue to receive discounts on Diocesan Tuition fees.

I understand that every family's circumstances are unique, and changes to fees can have different impacts. Please know that we're here to support you. If you're experiencing financial difficulty or have concerns about affordability, I encourage you to reach out to me directly. I will always consider your situation with care and confidentiality.

Yours sincerely

Nic Preitz

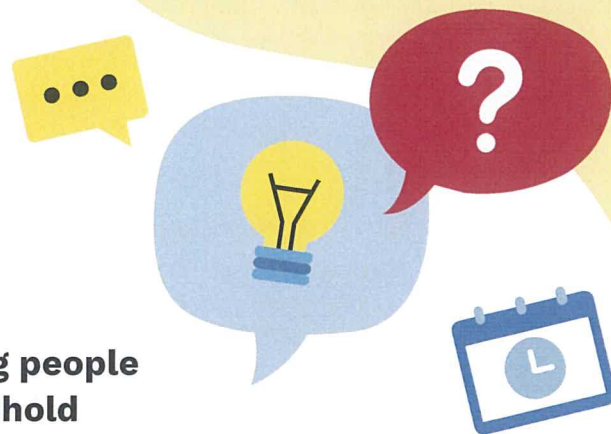
Principal – St John Bosco Catholic School

Social media age restrictions

What you need to know

From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience.



How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

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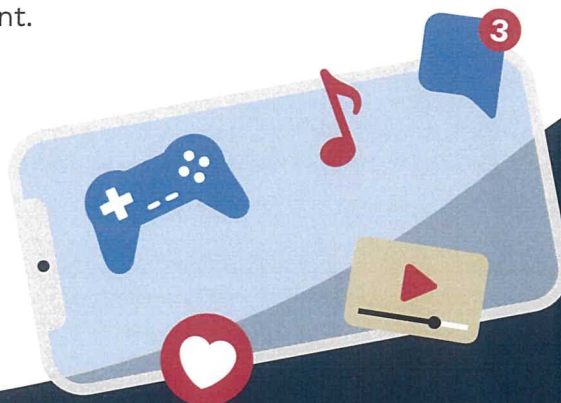
Online services are constantly evolving but at this stage the restrictions are likely to apply to **Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube**, among other platforms.

Online gaming and standalone messaging apps are among a number of types of services that have been excluded under the legislative rules.

Teens will still have online access

Under-16s will still be able to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require being logged into an account. For example, most content is currently available to view on YouTube without holding an account.

Having an account increases the likelihood that they'll be exposed to pressures and risks stemming from design features which encourage children to spend more time on screens, while serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing.



For more **information and resources** to help you prepare, visit **eSafety.gov.au**

Non State Schools



Transport Assistance Scheme

Student Travel Rebates Semester 2

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your **family** spend more than **\$40/week*** on bus/ferry fares to and from school (*\$30/week if you, the parent, hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or chartered by the school?

Students With Disability

- Was your child **included on the latest Commonwealth Census** as a student with a disability requiring **supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustments**?
- Does your child's **Personalised Learning Plan** confirm their transport needs are demonstrably different to those of their same aged peers by reason of their disability?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **Travel Capability Rating** of 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during **October**.

Late applications cannot be accepted after **31st October**.

