

# OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



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## 2018 Attendance Dues (Property and Insurance Fee)

### How do we exist? Where does the money come from?

- ♦ The Ministry of Education pays for the teachers, all operational costs and major maintenance costs.
- ♦ How do **WE** then pay for the costs of new school classrooms, gymnasiums and other buildings, pay off existing mortgages and pay for the insurance on all school property?

### ANSWER:

**Attendance Dues** = The compulsory property and insurance fee which you legally commit to pay when you enrol your child(ren) in a Catholic school.

### A message from our Archbishop:

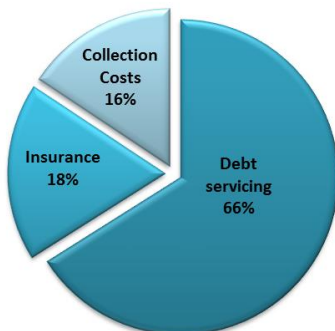
Cardinal John Dew, our Archbishop says: *“Thank you for choosing a Catholic Education for your child(ren). You are the most important people in their faith formation and we are here to help you. Please help us make Catholic education viable by paying your dues and even sharing the load for other parents who cannot manage by donating a little extra. My prayerful support and gratitude always”.*

### Attendance dues for 2018 (incl GST):

**Primary students: \$485.00    Secondary students: \$995.00**

### How is it spent...?

Collection costs (your regular payments help reduce these costs)



Insurance – this is high due to being a region with high earthquake risk. Premiums increased by over 20% for secondary schools in 2018.

Payment NZ Catholic Education Office to repay existing loans on school buildings and to fund new loans for future building projects. This amount increased by 2.5% for 2018 year.



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### **Your HELP please:**

*You can start paying IMMEDIATELY for next year to help spread the load  
Every dollar helps immensely to reduce the stress of paying these school bills.  
Every dollar helps to keep Catholic education alive for our children and our children’s children.*

*A little regularly, no matter how small, makes a big difference when added together over time.*

*Make an extra difference – “give a little more if you can to help those who can’t”.*

## How much do I need to pay?

- A full year's dues for each primary student is \$485 and for each secondary student it is \$995.
- You will receive your first invoice in February which will show how much you need to pay in total for all children you have enrolled in a Catholic school for 2018.
- It will also show any amounts unpaid from previous years (if applicable).
- If a student only completes part of a school year the dues are adjusted automatically once the date of enrolment or leaving is updated.
- Statements will also be sent out in the early part of each school term showing the balance of dues owed at that time. If your dues are fully paid no statement will be sent.

## When do I pay my attendance dues?

- Payment in full is due by **30 April 2018**.
- However if you are unable to pay the full amount you can make an arrangement to pay over the year in regular instalments. These arrangements must be agreed by the Archdiocese Dues team. Please phone 0800 462725 or email [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz)
- If your regular payments result in full payment of all dues owed by 1 December 2018 then your arrangement will be automatically accepted.
- If you require assistance for hardship or need to make a different arrangement please call the dues team to discuss options for you (see below).

## How do I pay my attendance dues?

- Payments can be made by:
  - Internet banking or automatic payment to account number **03 0518 0000400 00**
  - Cheque made out to ADW attendance dues and posted to PO Box 1937 Wellington
  - Credit card payment over the phone or at the ADW office, The Catholic Centre 22-30 Hill St, Wellington
  - Cash paid into the above bank account at any Westpac branch or at the ADW office.

## What if I cannot pay my attendance dues?

We understand that certain situations can place financial pressures on families, and paying attendance dues in full would result in genuine and undue hardship. In this situation we ask that you contact your school, parish or the attendance dues team promptly to discuss your options.

We want to be able to support you through these difficult times. This could take the form of a partial reduction of the current year's dues, or a partial write off of unpaid amounts from previous years.

It is important however, that some payment of attendance dues is made to ensure the viability of the Catholic schools in your area (amounts to be agreed as part of the rebate process).

Whatever your situation it is **IMPORTANT** that you contact us **before 30 April 2018** by:

**Phoning:** 0800 462 725

**Emailing:** [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz) **OR**

**Texting:** 021 08907902

Please note office hours are 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

We look forward to being of assistance to you during this coming year.