



Dear Parent,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of one school year, and the start of another. Thank you for your commitment to partnering with us in the education of your child throughout 2018.

As we plan for 2019, and balance outcomes for the whole Association, it would be easy to simply raise school fees by a certain percentage that allowed for substantial funds to invest in our schools. However, every year we spend many months deliberating on what will be a prudent increase in fees. There are some costs that unavoidably increase each year, yet we are constantly mindful of trying to keep fees affordable for families.

Our comprehensive assessment is that 2018 continued on from 2017 in being a difficult year financially for many of our families, as well as the broader community.

As many of us choose to educate our children in SCEA schools, we sincerely appreciate that any increase in the current economic climate is challenging. We continuously examine our costs to ensure we are being wise financial stewards. This is an ongoing task, not just for the education sector but also for the broader economy.

We also wish to continue with the vision of providing affordable Christian education for our students. Balanced against that goal, is the need to invest in delivering strong education programs as well as ensuring our staff are adequately remunerated for their efforts.

We are pleased to inform you that we have kept our annual increase in fees in 2019 to 1.5%.

This follows on from the same low percentage increase in 2018 of 1.5%. We trust you can support our attempts to keep the increases to the absolute minimum.

You can now view the 2019 fees at your relevant school's website, along with updated terms and conditions and a list of frequently asked fee questions.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with Swan Christian Education Association and for entrusting your child's education to us through our schools.

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyful and safe holiday. We're already excited about working with you and your family in 2019.

Yours Sincerely,

Neil David

CEO

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