



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE

ATTENDANCE DUES HARDSHIP RELIEF

BACKGROUND

Attendance Dues is a compulsory levy payable by students who attend a State Integrated School. The legislation governing the Attendance Dues is the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975. The Attendance dues are collected by the Board of Proprietors of St Bede's College.

USE OF ATTENDANCE DUES

The College Proprietors have the responsibility of maintaining and improving the Special Character of the College. In addition, there are costs for new classrooms, trying to keep smaller roll sizes, facilities for disabled and mainstream students and ongoing developments in technology and communications.

The College faces increasing costs of compliance with the Governments Acts and Local Body Bylaws, administration and property maintenance. Attendance Dues levels will move with actual costs to ensure that the Proprietors are able to provide for the continued development of Catholic education facilities at St Bede's College into the future.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

It is the policy of St Bede's College that all Catholic children should have ready access to a Catholic education. No one should be denied this right because of financial reasons. Therefore, families who cannot afford the Attendance Dues can apply for partial relief on the grounds of hardship. Unless exceptional circumstances exist, hardship rebates will be granted in part only because all attendance Dues payers are expected to pay at least something.

Applications for relief will be considered by a committee comprising the Rector, Deputy Rector (Pastoral) and the General Manager of the College.

CRITERIA FOR HARDSHIP REBATE

- Loss of income/redundancy
- Death of a parent/caregiver
- Extended unemployment
- Family reasons (including the number of boys at the College)
- Hardship

WHEN TO APPLY

For parents of prospective students, application should be made when enrolment is confirmed. For parents of existing students, application should be made as soon as reasonable after circumstances change.

HOW TO APPLY

The application Form for Attendance Dues Relief is attached to this document.

OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Rector of the College has an additional discretionary fund to assist students with extra-curricular and course related costs whose families are facing financial hardship. Applications for assistance with these costs should be communicated directly to the Rector and will be considered by the same committee.



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To be completed by the parent/caregiver

Name of Parent /Caregiver:			
Address:			
Telephone (Daytime):			
Name of child/ren at St Bede's		Year	
Why are you seeking assistance? Provide brief details			
Are there any school fees owing from previous years at St Bede's College? YES / NO			
If Yes, please state amount:			
Is there an existing arrangement in place for clearing this debt? YES / NO			

I/we the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that the information given is true and correct.

X

Signature of Parent/caregiver

X

Signature of Parent/caregiver

Date: _____

Date: _____