

Our Lady of Lourdes School
Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting
27 November 2019

2018 Annual Financial Statements – Accrual Accounting

The audited 2018 Special Purpose Financial Statements were submitted to CEWA showing a final deficit of \$169,481 after depreciation of \$114,440, resulting from annual income in 2018 of \$2,579,374 and related expenditure of \$2,634,415.

2019 Financial Records – Accrual Accounting

This was the second year that the school has operated on the accrual accounting system, which replaced the cash accounting system that had been in use up until 2017.

Enrolments were higher than budgeted in 2019, resulting in increased State and Federal funding, which has left the school in a stronger financial position.

Again, the holders of Health Care Cards received greater discounts on fees and amenities than they did prior to 2018. The school receives grant funding to substantiate these mandatory discounts.

Fees were billed in full in February and have been efficiently collected, thanks to families setting up and keeping to payment plans, using the Fee Payment Form. The Board is not concerned about any outstanding debts at year end.

2020 Budget

Each year the Catholic Education Commission of WA determines and advises schools of a maximum percentage increase which applies to total private income, not just to the tuition fees. Schools are not permitted to exceed this percentage unless approval is granted from the Director of Catholic Education, Dr Debra Sayce. The Commission also considers the school's particular proportions of private income, state grants and commonwealth grants.

Our Lady of Lourdes School's advised percentage increase for 2020 was 6% but the School Board has recommended and approved a **2% increase** in tuition fees. The cost of some third-party charges (Edu-dance, Life Ed bus and Year 6 Camp) have been adjusted in order to cover direct costs.

Special needs funding will decrease in 2020, however the school will maintain the existing level of support for students and teachers.

The budget for 2020 has been approved by the School Board and submitted to CEWA. Despite only a 2% fee increase, the 2020 budget is balanced and cash flow is forecast to be positive.

This report submitted by: **Ruza Foster, Treasurer, OLOL School Board**