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Dear St John's Grammar School Families,

The Board of Governors has completed its annual review of the School's financial position and forward planning, and has approved the fee schedule for 2026. This process is always undertaken with careful consideration for the School's long-term sustainability, the current economic environment, and our commitment to delivering an outstanding educational experience for every student.

A major consideration for the Board when setting the fee schedule for the coming year, is the widening gap between the real cost of delivering education and the level of government indexation applied to funding. For 2026, the School is experiencing cost pressures of over 10% across resources, staffing, and essential operational systems, while government funding is expected to rise by only around 3%.

This structural imbalance continues to place increased responsibility on the School to bridge the shortfall. Through disciplined financial planning and the strength of our enrolments, we have been able to absorb some of this pressure; however, a fee adjustment is required to maintain the quality of education and student support that our families rightly expect.

This fee adjustment of approximately 5.7% for 2026 will support a range of essential initiatives as well as rising operational costs, ensuring the School can continue to deliver a high-quality educational offering while responsibly planning for the future. Key areas of investment for next year include:

Enhancing Support for Students

Continued investment in classroom support remains a priority. Additional co-educators and student support staff across year levels allow us to respond more effectively to diverse learner needs, strengthen personalised learning, and ensure that students feel known, supported, and equipped to thrive.

Maintaining Small Class Sizes

Our commitment to maintaining smaller class sizes, an important feature of the St John's Grammar experience, requires additional staffing and timetabling flexibility. Ongoing investment in this, and the strengthening of differentiated learning programs, will ensure this model can continue.

Facilities Improvements and Learning Environment Upgrades

The Board has endorsed a sequence of targeted upgrades across the School. Examples of these include the creation of an additional science laboratory at the Secondary Campus, refurbishment of learning areas across Campuses, the redevelopment of play spaces at both the Junior and Secondary Campuses, and improvements to digital infrastructure such as server upgrades, network cabling, and classroom technology.

These upgrades support safe, modern, and adaptable learning environments that reflect best practice and evolving educational needs.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I thank you for your ongoing support and engagement with our School. The strength of St John's Grammar lies in the partnership between families, staff, and students, and we look forward to continuing to build a future of exceptional learning and opportunity for our young people.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Naomi Lindermeier'.

Naomi Lindermeier
Chair, Board of Governors

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