

St Pius X

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PARENT HANDBOOK

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WELCOME

It is my pleasure to welcome you to St Pius X Primary School, Windale. Our school is a Kindergarten to Year Six systemic school of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. We are situated in the Lake Macquarie region, in between the tranquil shores of Lake Macquarie and the beautiful beaches of Redhead and Dudley. St Pius X is a Christian school in the Catholic tradition with a rich heritage and strong sense of community.

The school was founded in 1955 on the traditions and strong foundations of the Sisters of St. Joseph and St Mary Of The Cross' call for people that they "never see a need without doing something about it."

Through a dynamic partnership between students, parents, staff, parish members and the wider community, we challenge and support one another towards growth and full potential. Our teachers work in collaboration to ensure high-quality programs are taught and to ensure differentiation across the curriculum to suit all learners. We are inclusive of all and provide quality support for students with additional needs in safe and supportive classrooms.

The school gives a new meaning to "child centred" and recognises the uniqueness of each and strives to fulfil the specific needs of every child. To assist this process, we have engaged a paediatrician who visits the school each term to work with staff and families to ensure this process.

Our aim is to provide a sound educational framework that will equip pupils with the skills to make a worthwhile contribution to society and achieve personal development. The school is proud of all students for their performance and participation in school, system, and state-based initiatives.

I would like to acknowledge the staff for their ongoing commitments to the students and their families. It is this collaborative partnership that ensures that St Pius X continues to grow as a learning community. St Pius X Windale is a school where children are loved and nurtured. Our school is a gift to the Windale Community and Parish and is based on the Gospel values of life, hope and truth.

OUR MISSION

St Pius X Windale is a Christ-centred community founded on the Josephite tradition of faith in action through service. We are partners in learning in our pursuit of excellence. We use our head, heart and hands to live life to the full and enrich our world.

OUR VISION

Awake Aspire Learn

One community learning together in harmony,
living like Christ to Awake, Aspire and Learn.

SCHOOL HISTORY

The school has a history dating back to 1955. Prior to that date, the Catholic children of Windale, were educated at the local state school or travelled to neighbouring schools at Charlestown or Adamstown. Originally, school classes were conducted in the Church building, built in 1959, that is currently situated near the front of the school.

Three sisters of St Joseph formed the first staff, residing at Swansea Convent and travelling to and from Windale daily, until July of 1959 when St Joseph's Convent was opened.

Enrolment figures in 1959 were 126 with the total increasing in the following years and more classrooms were acquired. Records show that in 1967 the first teacher, Kath Young joined the staff of St Pius X. The Sisters of St Joseph gradually withdrew from 1980.

Mr. David Carty became the first Principal in 1981-83 (inclusive). At the beginning of 1986, an administration block was completed and in 1993 the existing demountable classrooms were replaced by a new building. A new Library and hall were built and opened in 2011.

THE CATHOLIC DIMENSION

While Religious Education lessons form part of each day, Christianity is a way of living and therefore influences every aspect of our school life. We strive to deepen the child's

understanding and knowledge of the Catholic Faith, as well as developing a climate that will help children grow in their own faith relationship with God. Our Religious Education lessons are based on the Diocesan K-12 Religion Syllabus.

Throughout the year, children participate in whole school masses, class masses and liturgies. These form an important part of our school life, and you are invited to join us for these celebrations. Your role as the primary educator is recognised at St Pius X in all areas, but particularly in the areas of faith development. Children are prepared for these sacraments by participating in the Parish Based Program, which is supported by the school. We look forward to meeting with you on these occasions. Children in Year 3 receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, whilst children in Year 4 receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Be still and Listen.

We care for Awabakal Land,

With respect, we learn and share,

The water, land and the sky,

Baadu, barayidha, muruku,

Always was, Always will be.

At St Pius X, We live together in harmony in Awabakal land as one.

“We wish to acknowledge that we are in the country of the Awabakal People. We pay respect to the tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we pay respect to the memory of their ancestors.”

SCHOOL PRAYER

This is our school, let peace dwell here, let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love dwell here, love of one another, love of mankind, love of life itself and love of God.

Let us remember that as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

If you wish to discuss a matter that is likely to take more than a few minutes, it is advisable to make an appointment. If you have any concerns regarding your child, the first point of contact should be your child’s teacher. If further clarification is required, or if an issue is not resolved, please make an appointment to meet with the principal.

Meeting with teachers: If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, he/she is available before and after school. We prefer that you make an appointment with the teacher if the matter is likely to take more than a few minutes. Teachers are not free to speak with parents during class time.

Compass Parent Portal: The Compass Parent Portal is an integrated, online portal for you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many unique features, including the ability to:

- . Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers
- Update your family contact information
- View our school calendar
- Download and view your child's Semester Reports
- Book Parent / Teacher Meetings

Accessing Compass by the website or/and app:

Go to <https://windale-nsw.compass.education>, Log in using supplied username and password (given to you from Administration Staff)

Application:

Look for the Compass School Manager App by searching the app store (android and apple)

- Search for the school: St Pius X Primary School - Windale
- Type in username and password

Parent information meetings: These meetings are offered to parents early in Term One each year. At these meetings, the teachers outline the intended yearly program for each class. Teachers are also able to answer any queries that parents may have about class protocols.

Academic reports: At the end of Terms 2 and 4, parents and carers will receive a report detailing their children's academic progress, as well as their children's personal and social development and work habits. At the end of Terms 1 and 3, parents and carers receive an interim report which reports on each child's personal and social development and work habits. Parents and teachers should avail themselves of the opportunity to follow up on these reports with a parent-teacher interview if necessary.

School newsletter: The school newsletter is published each fortnight on Fridays and is accessed electronically through our school website, through Compass and through our Facebook page. Please read the newsletter as it contains valuable information about upcoming school and parish events, as well as general interest items about the school community.

Facebook: We regularly publish important reminders and post pictures of events and activities on our Facebook page. We encourage you to like/follow us <https://www.facebook.com/stpiusxprimaryschoolwindale>

Text messages: If your child is marked absent on a class roll, you will receive a text message prompting you to explain. Text messages are automated and are delivered by 9:30am each morning.

Website: The St Pius X website provides details about the school, our mission and vision and other valuable information. <https://www.windale.catholic.edu.au/>

ATTENDANCE

School Hours

8:20 am Teacher on duty

8:55 am Classes commence

11:00 am to 11:30 am - Lunch

1:30 pm to 2:00 pm - Recess

2:50 pm School concludes

Parents are reminded that the playground is unsupervised before 8.20am and as such, children should not arrive at school until then.

OOSH facilities are available for parents for care before and after school hours. School concludes at 2:50 pm. Teachers supervise children to various exit locations as part of afternoon duty.

Attendance

Education in NSW is compulsory. All students from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age of 17 are legally required to attend school. Students of school age resident in New South Wales are required to be in fulltime attendance at a government or registered non-government school unless they are receiving approved home schooling, attending shared school settings, or are granted an exemption from attendance.

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff monitor part and whole day absences as part of their duty of care for students' welfare.

Parents are responsible for:

- enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling
- ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- explaining to the school the absences of their children promptly within seven days
- taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children

Absence from School

The school must be advised of a child's absence. Parents are encouraged to enter their child's absence on COMPASS through the Parent Portal, stating a reason. Parents may also notify staff of absences by note, email, phone call or verbal message. Staff will then log details on COMPASS. An SMS will be sent to parents whose child is unaccounted for without explanation at 9:30 am. Parents requiring extended leave for travel of 10 or more days must seek permission by completing an Extended Travel Form.

Procedures for managing unexplained / unjustified absences

If your child is absent unexplained or unjustified from school on a regular basis or a pattern of partial absences (including late arrivals & early departures) is noted, the school is obligated as a duty of care to follow school procedures for managing non-attendance:

- between 1-3 days a phone call to parent
- between 4 -10 days contact parents, letter outlining issues of poor attendance
- between 11-20 days contact parents, letter outlining issues of poor attendance and meeting request to arrange an Attendance Improvement Plan
- greater than 20 days acceleration to Assistant Director and notification to Family and Community Services (FACS)

Late arrivals / early departures

Any time after 8:55 am is classified as a late arrival or before 2:50pm is an early departure. Parents must sign their child in / out at the Compass Kiosk in the Administration building before dropping / collecting their child.

FIRST AID AND MEDICATION

Illness

If your child becomes ill a member of the Staff Team will assess and monitor the situation. If your child's sickness persists or seems serious, we will contact you to request that arrangements are made for your child to be collected from school. If you are unavailable at any stage, an emergency contact number is required.

Medications

Parents must complete a Consent Form to Dispense Medicine for any medications that must be taken at school. These forms are available from the school office. All prescribed medication must be in the original packaging from the pharmacy and clearly labelled with your child's name.

Medical Action and Care plans

If your child has an ongoing medical condition that requires monitoring and medication administered during school hours, we require a copy of the action and care plan as issued by the treating medical practitioner.

Infectious Diseases

Parents are reminded that all children should receive a TRIPLE ANTIGEN BOOSTER before commencing Kindergarten. An immunisation certificate from the Medicare website is required for school entry.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Parking

The car park adjacent to the school administration block is for staff and emergency vehicles only. Please always keep the school driveway clear. The lower car church park is available for short term parking to enable safe pick up and drop off.

For duty of care and child protection issues, students MUST:

Wait with the teacher on duty · NOT go home with a different adult the school hasn't been notified of for that day.

Leaving the School Grounds

Pupils are not permitted to leave the playground during school hours unless they have the written permission of their parents and/or the approval of the principal.

At times, staff will undertake local walking activities with the students. Permission to leave the grounds for these activities is covered separately with a signed Local Excursion Note.

GENERAL SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Homework

At the beginning of each year, teachers will provide an outline of class procedures in regard to home learning.

Crunch and Sip

St Pius X is a 'Crunch and Sip' school. This means that the children are encouraged to bring cut up fresh fruit and vegetables to eat at 10:00 am each day. A water bottle is also needed by the students. It is HIGHLY recommended that all students' food is brought to school in reusable containers that are LABELLED with their name.

Nut Aware

Due to the increased number of students with Anaphylaxis, St Pius X is a nut aware school. We encourage parents to refrain from sending food items that contain nuts or traces of nuts with your child.

Healthy Eating at School

School is a time when children start to make independent choices about their lifestyles. School aged children learn quickly and are influenced by friends and popular trends. This is an important time to talk about and encourage healthy food habits.

Involving children in planning and preparing their own lunchboxes gives them the opportunity to learn about healthy eating, and also gives them a chance to make autonomous decisions about what they will be eating during the day.

Involve your children in healthy choices

Some tips to help get your kids involved include:

Talk to your children about what they would like to have in their lunchbox. Discuss healthier food and drink choices and decide what will be in the lunchbox together.

Write a shopping list together. Encourage your children help prepare their lunchboxes. Older children may be able to prepare most of their lunch themselves, and younger children can help with making sandwiches or cutting up soft fruit. It is a good idea to prepare lunchboxes the evening before to allow children to participate.

Breakfast Club and Canteen

Breakfast club takes place daily from 8:20am to 8:45am. Free breakfast of juice, cereal, fruit, and toast with a selection of toppings is offered to children who require breakfast prior to starting school. A selection of seasonal fruit is also offered at 10:00 am for those who require extra at CRUNCH and SIP time.

Canteen facilities are available each day. There is a set menu with all lunches costing \$4.00 and recess snacks provided for an additional \$1.00. The menu is available from the office and included in the newsletter each fortnight. All lunch orders are to be placed in dedicated box at the entrance of the school prior to 9:00 am. Your child's name and lunch order should be written on the envelope provided, and the correct money placed within.

SunSmart

St Pius X Windale is a Sun Smart school. As such, students are asked to wear sunscreen to school. Sunscreen is available for all students to reapply throughout break times. St Pius X upholds the 'no hat no play' policy. Children without a hat must stay under shaded areas at recess and lunch.

Learning Hub

Our learning hub forms the core of our school and in addition to student book borrowing and reading time, it is where our teacher librarian conducts specialist lessons each week. These lessons integrate the use of technology to locate, organise and present information linked to units taught in the classroom. Programs running in the library to promote the love of reading are the Premier's Reading Challenge and Book Week in Term 3. Each class borrows books once a week as well as having the opportunity to change their weekly take home readers.

Internet Access

Please be vigilant supervising your child when on the internet. Over the years there have been reports of children 'bullying' others and posting inappropriate messages via social media. Careful and continued monitoring at home will minimise these issues. To be eligible to sign up for a Facebook account a child must be over 13 years of age. Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss the importance of Cyber Safety. Please refer to the internet user agreement that was sent home, and signed, by both you and your child. At times, students may wish to email an assignment or a link to themselves at school. Students can only access their emails via Webmail. Their email addresses are: `firstname.lastname@student.mn.catholic.edu.au`

We offer the following advice regarding your children and the internet.

- Never let your child go online without your permission.
- Tell your child never to put online their real name, address, phone number or school name without your permission.
- Make sure your home computer has filtering software.
- Tell your child to never open an Email from somebody they do not know.
- Tell your child that they cannot go onto chat rooms without your permission and that they must never agree to meet someone they have met on a chat room.
- Give serious consideration to whether your child should be alone in their room with an iPhone or computer with internet access.
- Make it plain to your children that if they post something online that is unkind, or inappropriate, to another person serious consequences will occur.

Money Sent To School

At times children will need to bring money to school for various reasons e.g. school fees, excursions, raffle tickets. We ask that this money be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with their name, class, and amount.

Accidents & Insurance

We hope that your child will be happy at school and free from injury. However, when an accident does occur, we will try to do our best to render simple first aid, and, if it is thought serious enough let you, the parents, know. In the case of a rare serious accident, we will call the ambulance first and try to contact you, in that order. The school subscribes to the Ambulance Service so there is normally no charge for the service. A fully stocked First Aid Kit is in use at the school and all staff are trained in Emergency First Aid procedures. Should the need arise, parents have access to insurance cover for injuries sustained during school activities. This is provided through Catholic Church Insurance. Brochures and claim forms are available online. (<http://www.ccinsurance.org.au/insurance/school.htm>)

Birthdays

Children's birthdays are acknowledged during our weekly assemblies and in our fortnightly newsletter.

Assemblies

School assemblies are where we come together as a whole school to share information and celebrate our students' successes. They are held in our main hall 1:00 pm each Wednesday.

Supporting your Children

Life is full of 'ups' and 'downs' that children must learn to cope with and manage, whether it is being first at the swimming carnival or not being invited to a birthday party, having difficulty with multiplication, or knowing that someone you love has moved away. Parents try their best to prepare and support their children during these times so they can win gracefully, accept defeat, persevere with challenges and be optimistic. Occasionally, you may need advice or professional help to do this. At St Pius X you can access some support services directly or seek advice on where to go for further help. The first port of call is always the class teacher. With your consent, he or she can seek the advice of the Learning Support Team.

We have additional staff who may work with classes, groups or individuals from time to time:

- Learning Support Assistants
- Learning Support Teacher
- English as an Additional Language / Dialect teachers
- School Counsellor

Teachers can refer students to the Learning Support Team. The Learning Support Team meets regularly to discuss how to best support your child.

This might include one or more of the following options:

- A list of strategies to support the child in class, on the playground or at home.
- Further assessment of learning needs by the Learning Support Teacher.
- An intervention program to support additional needs or build skills, e.g., literacy, numeracy, social skills.
- Referral to the school counsellor for specialist advice.
- Referral to a Learning Support Education Officer from the Catholic Schools Office for specialist advice in particular areas of difficulty, e.g., Speech and Language, mobility, behaviour.
- Recommendation to contact an outside service provider such as paediatrician.

Should you have any concerns about your child's well-being or academic progress, do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. Early intervention is essential and can often prevent problems from escalating. If you would like advice on supporting your child at home with reading or other homework, the school can organise parent workshops or leaflets to address your needs.

Change to Routine

Please inform us if there is any change to the normal routine of your children's homeward journey, this can save unnecessary worry and concern for both students and staff.

COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION AND FEEDBACK

The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) and schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are committed to providing a positive, safe environment for all staff and students. There are occasions, however, when members of our schools and wider community are concerned about something happening at a school that appears to be unsatisfactory or unreasonable.

Complaint of Abuse or Neglect

If your complaint alleges a child or group of children were abused or neglected by an adult or another child, the complaint should be reported to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's Office of Safeguarding. P | 4979 1390 during office hours or email childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au. For more information, visit the Office of Safeguarding website.

Dispute Resolution

Dispute Resolution involves the people who are in dispute talking about the issues and coming to an agreement on how these issues may be resolved.

What are the benefits?

- flexible and responsive to the needs of the people involved
- provides an opportunity for concerns to be resolved more quickly than most formal processes
- gives the participants the right to make a commitment to a decision they have determined themselves through the dispute resolution process
- designed to preserve goodwill between the people involved, which is especially important when there is a shared commitment for the relationship to continue
- has a future focus and is not a process for testing facts or making findings.

Eligibility

For a matter to be eligible for Dispute Resolution:

- there will be an absence of significant safety concerns
 - the issues will relate to a service provided by the Diocese
 - a diocesan working will be involved, and
 - there will be a shared commitment from all participants for their working relationship to continue.
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Contact

Catholic Schools Office
841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West NSW 2302
PO Box 714 Newcastle NSW 2300
P | 02 4979 1200
F | 02 4979 1209
E | info@mn.catholic.edu.au

Diocesan Complaint Management Service

Submit feedback or a complaint
P | 1300 461 831
E | feedback@mn.catholic.org.au

Office of Safeguarding

50 Crebert Street, Mayfield NSW 2304
P | 02 4979 1390
E | childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

SAFEGUARDING IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an absolute and abiding commitment to promote the safeguarding of children. In 2019, as a part of that commitment, our bishop, Bill Wright, articulated his expectations of all those who work for the Diocese, "I expect you to place the safety, welfare and wellbeing of every child and vulnerable adult at the centre of everything you do in the name of our church." Bishop Wright established the Office of Safeguarding, whose director answers to the Bishop's Office and is charged to oversee the whole of the Diocese's safeguarding of children, including the students in our system of schools. As a parent sending your child to a Diocesan school, you are expected to be an active participant in safeguarding your child's wellbeing. To do so, it's important that you have the best information available to you. The Office of Safeguarding website offers comprehensive details of the Diocese's approach to safeguarding children. You are also encouraged to be an active participant in the life of your school. As a parent of a diocesan school student, if you are concerned for: the safety, welfare, or wellbeing of one or more children in the school or the conduct of a member of staff, a volunteer, contractor, or other adult associated with the school.

You are able to: discuss your concerns with a teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal, talk to an investigator at the Office of Safeguarding (Ph. 4979 1390, during office hours), report your concerns to the Department of Communities and Justice's (DCJ) Child Protection Helpline

(Ph. 132 111, 24 hrs./7 days). If your concerns constitute a risk of significant harm - report to NSW Police if you believe a crime has been committed.

VOLUNTEERS' INDUCTION – SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an absolute and abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children. As a volunteer working in a diocesan school, you should be aware of your obligations and responsibilities in protecting students from abuse or neglect

Becoming a volunteer

To be able to volunteer within a diocesan school you are required to register online <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/> and complete all necessary checks, inductions and safeguarding training relevant to your volunteer role. This may mean you will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check and/or National Police Check. All paperwork and checks are to be completed and verified before you can commence in your role. Safeguarding training must occur within six months of your commencement as a volunteer.

The Children and Young Person's (Care and Protection) Act 1998

As a volunteer in the state of NSW you can report certain information to the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). You should discuss your concerns with a teacher, assistant principal or principal. You can report your concerns to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline (Ph. 132 111, 24 hrs/7 days) if you have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child or young person is at risk of significant harm and your concerns are current. Risk of significant harm may occur from a single act or omission or to a series of acts or omissions.

It is better to be safe than sorry, so if you are uncertain, talk to a staff member at the school.

Part 4 of the Children's Guardian Act

Part 4 of the Children's Guardian Act defines diocesan schools as a "schedule 1 entity" and as such we must have systems for preventing, reporting (to the Children's Guardian) and investigating reportable conduct.

All volunteers who hold a Working with Children Check for the purpose of their role within a diocesan school fall within the scope of Part 4 and may be investigated for alleged "reportable conduct", which includes sexual offences, misconduct, assault, ill-treatment, neglect, and behaviour that causes psychological harm to children.

As a volunteer "working" at a diocesan school, any alleged reportable conduct will be investigated. It does not matter if the conduct is alleged to have happened outside school

and in your private lives.

The Office of Safeguarding is the Diocese's specialist safeguarding and child protection service that works with the Children's Guardian to ensure the Diocese meets its obligations under Part 4. As volunteers you should co-operate with any investigation conducted by the Office of Safeguarding.

The Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

Under this legislation, people who undertake a role in child-related work in a paid or volunteer capacity in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are required by law to have a Working with Children Check Clearance. This "clearance" can be obtained by applying online at Working with Children Check | Office of the Children's Guardian (nsw.gov.au)

Volunteers receive a clearance for free, and it lasts up to five years.

Exemptions apply for volunteers who are a close relative of a student enrolled at the school.

There is a "Statutory Screening Selection Tool" included in the online registration process to assist you with this.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Under new legislation set down by the Federal Government, schools are required to report in writing to parents twice per year. Reports will be sent home via COMPASS at the end of Terms 2 and 4. The Staff of St Pius X Windale believe that it is in the best interest of everyone to make contact early regarding a child's progress. Early in Term 1 parents are invited to have a one-to-one conversation with their child's teacher at a scheduled time.

Staff Professional Development Days

Each year the school has a minimum of three pupil free days for the professional development of teachers. Parents are given at least four weeks' notice. These days are PUPIL FREE. Teachers may also be released from class to attend professional development courses throughout the school year.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property should be reported to the class teacher. All items of clothing to be clearly marked.

POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB

Boys and girls from Kinder to Year 6 receive qualified instruction in gymnastics, aerobics,

jazz dance, ball sports, judo and self-defense. These activities alternate with intensive swimming throughout the year. The cost per term is dependent on the sport being offered and this is due first week of the new term.

SPORT

Children participate in health and physical education programs at school and may also represent St Pius X at Regional, Diocesan, and Inter-Diocesan levels. All children are expected to participate in school sporting activities.

TRANSPORT

Bus application forms from State Transit are available on their website at <https://transportnsw.info/school-trave-apply> . Kinder/Year 1 and Year 2 students receive free transport, but Primary children must live outside 1.6 kilometres from the school to receive a free pass.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We encourage the children to take pride in their appearance and to always dress in the correct uniform. We ask that you ensure your child's uniform is always neat, clean & tidy. Please clearly label all clothing with your child's name. School hats are compulsory and are worn daily. Uniforms may be purchased through the school office.

SCHOOL FEES

We would like to advise families of St Pius X Primary School Windale, that from 2024 **all students will have their Tuition Fee and School Building Levy waived.**

We thank families for their continued commitment to St Pius X Windale and we look forward to working alongside parents and carers to achieve the strongest educational and spiritual outcomes for their children.

Whilst families will no longer have to pay the Tuition Fee or Building Levy, the School Resource Fee, which covers a range of costs including the supply of goods and services for students, will remain and will be advised by the school.

Importantly, we recognise that as a Diocese we are committed to ensuring that no child will be denied a Catholic education regardless of their family's ability to cover fees. The above fee exemption is expected to remain in place for St Pius X Windale and will be reviewed each year.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

From time-to-time excursions are organised to provide input or extension to units of work being studied. It is essential that a signed and dated permission note be returned to the school before the child can travel on public transport or in private cars. This is to protect your child and teachers as well as providing you with information about the purpose and organisation of the excursion.

NOTES

