



3 October 2017

Dear Parents

2017 SCHOOL FEE INCREASE

The 2017 St Benedict's School Fee Structure was approved at a meeting of the Board of Governors on Tuesday, 20 September 2016.

The 2017 school fee structure is as follows:

TUITION FEES

| PHASE | GRADES | % incr | Discounted Fees** | Annual Fees*** | Monthly Fees | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---|
| | | | | | Monthly Fees | 11 Monthly instalments (in advance by first day of month) |
| | | | PLAN A | PLAN B | PLAN C | |
| Preschool & Foundation | Gr R – 3 | 9,5% | 64 080 | 66 060 | 67 925 | 6 175 |
| Intermediate | Gr 4 - 6 | 9,5% | 76 245 | 78 610 | 80 795 | 7 345 |
| GETC | Gr 7 – 9 | 9,5% | 88 695 | 91 475 | 94 050 | 8 550 |
| FETC | Gr 10 – 12 | 9,5% | 103 500 | 106 730 | 109 835 | 9 985 |

** Payment to be received by 21 November 2016

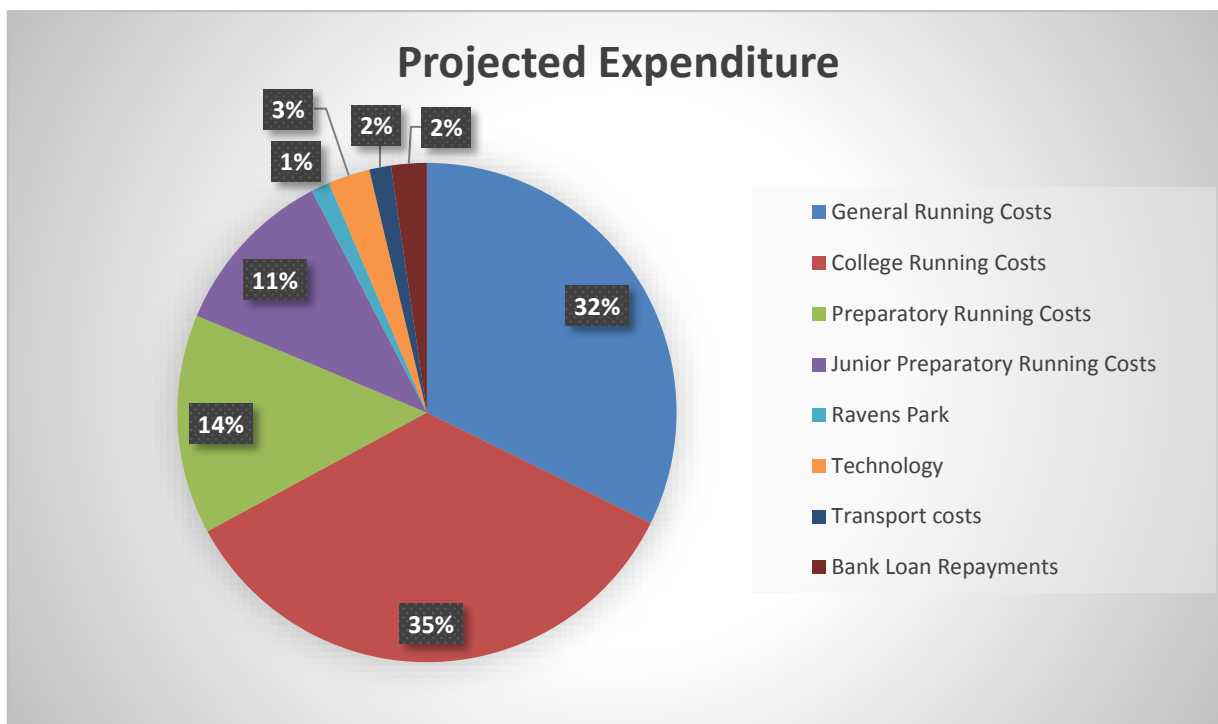
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2017 BUDGET

St Benedict's is a not-for-profit organisation and our budgeting principles are in line with our underlying aim to provide a quality, values-based education to boys. All our income is generated from school fees and all is used to pursue our educational objectives and to keep St Benedict's running. Our core focus is academics and ensuring that the boys who leave our school at the end of their Grade 12 year are equipped with a wide-range of choices and are ready to function as mature, contributing adults in our society.

We achieve our aims and goals by ensuring that we employ well-qualified and passionate staff who have the interests of our boys at heart. Staffing costs in all three sections of the school are, therefore, our greatest expense.

The 2017 Budget makes provision for the following projected expenditure:



CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT LEVY

The Capital Development Levy will remain unchanged at R2 640 per annum or 11 instalments of R240. Families with more than one son enrolled at the school will pay a levy of R1100 (R100 per month) for each additional son enrolled. There is no charge for a fourth son.

Parents may opt to pay the levy according to the same plans as they select for the payment of school fees: upfront in November; by the 22 January or monthly over 11 months. Parents whose sons are on bursary, scholarship or who receive a family discount are required to pay the Capital Development Levy in full. Only Grade 12 parents are exempt from paying the Capital Development Levy as in their final year they are required to pay the IEB Examination Fee.

Income from the Capital Development Levy will be used predominantly for the fitting and furnishings for the new College Library, the resurfacing of four Tennis Courts and the conversion of the old College Art room into a state-of-the-art STEM Centre.

MATRIC EXAMINATION FEES

The IEB has indicated that they will charge R5650 per candidate for the 2017 Grade 12 National Senior Certificate Examination. This fee is not included in the Grade 12 fees and will be charged as a once-off billing in March 2017. Payment must be received by 1 June 2017.

BOARDING FEES

Fees for Boarding have been increase by 9% and are as follows:

| | TERMLY BOARDING | WEEKLY BOARDING |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ANNUAL | 73 265 | 68 220 |
| MONTHLY (X11) | 6 660 x 11 | 6 200 X 11 |

AFTERCARE FEES

Aftercare fees have been increased to R1 300 per month (billed over 10 months) or R13 000 annually. The Aftercare Centre will continue to operate during midterms and April school holidays at no additional costs. It will, however, be closed for August and December. A holiday club will operate during the month of August and the first two weeks of December at an additional cost.

TRANSPORT COSTS

School buses will continue to be available to transport boys daily to and from Benoni, Boksburg, Germiston, Glenvista, Greenstone, Thornhill, Modderfontein and Edenvale. Transport to school is provided every morning from Monday to Friday and transport home every afternoon except on a Wednesday. (Buses are used for sports teams on Wednesday afternoons.)

The 2017 transport costs for this service may be viewed on the school website: [Transport Costs](#)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

In future, in instances where parents allow their school fee accounts to fall into arrears, access to additional services such as the Aftercare Centre and the school bus services for home trips will be immediately suspended until the school fee account is brought up to date.

FAMILY DISCOUNTS

We will continue to offer Family Discounts for brothers at St Benedict's and sisters at Holy Rosary School and Assumption Convent.

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| One child: | Full fees |
| Two children: | 5% discount on total fees |
| Three children: | 10% discount on total fees |

The discount applies to tuition fees only and is not applicable to scholarship candidates (20% and above) or candidates on bursaries.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As has always been the case at St Benedict's, the Board of Governors makes financial provision to grant bursaries to assist parents experiencing temporary financial difficulties. Such bursaries are never awarded at the point of initial enrolment and are also not considered when an account is in arrears. Parents applying for such assistance will be required to prove their need by submitting financial proof thereof, this includes payslips and SARS Income Tax returns. The said bursaries are designed as an interim relief measure and should not be viewed as a permanent reduction in fees. Bursaries are awarded on an annual basis and parents are required to re-apply for assistance each year.

Our Finance Department will email payment plan options to parents in due course. Parents are requested to return their 2017 Payment Plan to the school finance office by 31 October 2016. Parents who neglect to return their preferred payment plan will automatically default to Payment Plan C.

In conclusion, we thank you for entrusting St Benedict's with your sons' education. Your investment in a high-quality, holistic educational experience allows us in turn to invest in your boys - to prepare them for a meaningful life in the challenging world beyond our school gates. We trust that 2017 will see us reaching new heights together as we continue to transform and enrich your sons' lives through our daily endeavours.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A C Oosthuysen', written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'C'.

A C Oosthuysen
Executive Headmaster