



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Te Kāreti Katorika o Pomapārie

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Re: 2025 School Charges

At Pompallier Catholic College we are committed to providing your children with resources and activities which will enhance learning opportunities.

As a school we have opted in to the Government 'School Donation Scheme' for the 2025 year. This initiative is designed to alleviate some costs to parents. Being part of this scheme means that we do not request some donations from parents.

You can find out more about the scheme on the Ministry of Education website: <https://www.education.govt.nz/> (search "What families/whānau need to know about school/kura donations").

The college is still able to request donations towards overnight camps. There will also be compulsory charges if you choose to have your child participate in optional activities such as sports, extra-curricular activities, or optional trips.

There is no change to the Attendance Dues portion of the account, which are compulsory and collected on behalf of the school's Proprietor.

To assist you in understanding how the annual account is calculated, we have explained the various charges below:

ANNUAL CHARGE	YEAR 7 – 8	YEAR 9 – 13
Attendance Dues	532.00	1080.00
Special Character Contribution	60.00	60.00
National Marist Network Trust	20.00	20.00
Pompallier Building Development Donation	30.00	30.00
Student ID Card	6.50	6.50
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	\$648.50	\$1196.50

We are mindful of the cost of school charges, so are happy for families to pay their account by **regular** automatic payments throughout the year. If you would like assistance in determining a payment schedule, please feel free to contact Jane Woolston in our college office, or email: fees@pompallier.school.nz. Methods of payment and bank account details are included at the end of this letter.

NOTE: For students who will be new to our college in 2025, parents/caregivers will receive their first statement within the first few weeks of school starting. Please do not make payments to the college this year, as we have no facility for holding early payments for students who have not yet started with us.

Attendance Dues

Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020, and a condition of enrolment at Pompallier Catholic College. Attendance Dues are charged for all students who attend Catholic Schools in New Zealand.

Attendance Dues are used to repay loans for building works done at schools in the Auckland Diocese, property related costs including school building works, buildings insurance and costs directly associated with the administration of Attendance Dues.

Attendance Dues are collected by Pompallier Catholic College on behalf of the school's proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. The Attendance Dues collected by Pompallier Catholic College are forwarded to Auckland Common Fund Limited, a company established by the proprietors of Catholic integrated schools in the Diocese of Auckland responsible for the collection of Attendance Dues.

Special Catholic Character Contribution*

The Catholic Special Character contribution is a voluntary donation of \$15.00 per term (\$60.00 per annum) per student.

This contribution provides the main source of funding for all services provided to Pompallier Catholic College by the Catholic Education Services Board. No contributions are made by the Government for these services.

The Catholic Education Services Board assists schools to provide a Catholic education for your child through the preservation and enhancement of the Catholic Special Character in our schools.

National Marist Network Trust*

This donation is used for funding and promoting Marist initiatives throughout New Zealand, such as Marist Youth Leaders, Marist Neighbours, staff professional development and school retreats.

Pompallier Building Development Donation*

This donation is used for property enhancement within our college.

Methods of payment and bank account details

Payments may be made by internet banking, or automatic payment to:

Pompallier Catholic College

ASB Bank

Account Number: 12-3099-0758068-00

Please ensure you include the student's name and 5-digit ID number as a reference (this number can be found on your Invoice/Statement to the left of your child's name).

Alternatively, payments can be made at the college office by cash or EFTPOS (no credit cards), between 8.15am and 3.30pm (during term time).

* All **voluntary donations** made to the college are tax deductible and a refund of up to 33% of your donation may be claimed from the Inland Revenue Department. *A tax donation certificate will be automatically emailed to you in early April each year.*

Let us help

We encourage you to contact the college office if you have any problems with your school account, at any time of the year. Your enquiry will be treated with the utmost confidence.

We are more than happy to work through the options available to you, and the earlier we hear from you, the sooner we can work through a solution together.

There is assistance available for preference families who may have difficulty with paying Attendance Dues. Please contact Jane Woolston in the college office on 438 3950 ext 0, or email: fees@pompallier.school.nz, if you need any information about the criteria for assistance available.

Yours sincerely



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