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Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **2026 School Fees**

Following the Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School Council meeting on Tuesday, 25 November, I am writing to provide our School families with the following information about the 2026 Fee Schedule.

The School Council carefully considered setting School Fees for the 2026 school year, taking a range of factors into account.

These include the following:

- The increased operational costs of running the school, the need to continue investing in infrastructure and facility upgrades, and an ongoing commitment to teaching excellence and student opportunities.
- The ongoing impact of a reduction through to 2029 of our Commonwealth and State Government Funding under the DMI (Direct Measure of Income) and CTC (Capacity to Contribute) Funding model. This is significant, as we effectively need to operate the School in 2026 on less Federal and State Government Funding than we did in 2025. The new Funding model developed by the Federal Government appears here to stay despite the School constantly lobbying the Federal and State Governments for a change to a model that disproportionately impacts regional Independent Schools, including Lindisfarne.
- The historic reset of Salaries for School staff in New South Wales Schools, resulting from significant salary increases in New South Wales Government Schools over the last three years, has profoundly impacted Salaries in the Independent School sector. The Cooperative Multi-Enterprise Agreements that came into effect this year for Teachers and Professional and Operational Staff in New South Wales Independent Schools have had to be factored into the School Budget in 2025 and again for 2026 and 2027.

- In addition, there has been very little relief in interest rates over the last 12 months. The cost of living has remained stubbornly high, impacting both School families and the School.

The attached 2026 Fee Schedule reflects the factors outlined above and deliberated on by the School Council in setting the 2026 School Fees.

During 2025, we undertook consultation with the School and broader community to develop our Lindisfarne 2032 strategy to be launched at the commencement of the 2026 School year. As we look to the year ahead, we are acutely aware that the continuous improvement of our school remains a shared commitment between our School Council, staff, parents, students, and supporters, all working to improve our school and our community.

In the last 5 years, we have completed significant building projects in each of our SubSchools. The new Senior Centre and additional Food Technology classrooms are now operational on the Mahers Lane campus, and the associated Road widening and infrastructure works have been finalised. In the last five years, we have invested heavily in the Sunshine Avenue Campus through the Early Learning Centre, Performing Arts Centre, Outdoor Kitchen, Refurbished Stephanie Alexander, Kitchen Garden, and Heroes of Discovery Program.

Students at our Mahers Lane campus are enjoying the Middle School Building and precinct, the Senior Centre, Outdoor multipurpose court and Futsal court, the expanded Duke of Edinburgh program, the revamped Agriculture and Community Garden area, and an expanded spiritual and pastoral support provision through our Chaplaincy program.

Under our Master Plan, our work to deliver world-class facilities for our students across the School continues, including major construction projects to commence in January 2026: a Year 7 Centre and the expansion and refurbishment of the Creative Industries precinct at the Mahers Lane campus.

We remain one of the few Schools in the nation that provide access to a one-to-one school device as part of attending the School, rather than as an additional charge through our ConnectEd program, making the device a standard learning tool within the School Fees already paid by parents.

In addition, our annual School camps are incorporated into the Course Levy as a standard part of attending the School.

Sports, Performing Arts, and a multitude of co-curricular options are available to students. In 2025, our Stage 2 students shared the outstanding production of Finding Nemo Jr., and our Stage 3 students produced the musical Charlie's Journey. In 2026, our year 7 to 12 students will present the musical Beauty and the Beast for the enjoyment of our School Community. There have never been more opportunities available for the students of Lindisfarne.

In 2025, the School was recognised in the National Education Awards as a finalist for Regional School of the Year, Best Use of Technology, Innovation in Learning Design, and Deputy Principal of the Year (Charlotte Lush).

The Educator magazine again featured us as a national 5 Star Employer of Choice and 5 Star Innovation School. Recently, the Educator released its inaugural Australia's Best Schools list, including Lindisfarne among 34 Schools across the nation, recognising our commitment to excellence, innovation and care in shaping future leaders.

We remain among the national leaders in our approach to Generative AI, Reconciliation, and Partnerships. Our standing as a Global Member of the Round Square Network of Schools and as an Apple Distinguished School opens doors to the world, uniquely positioning Lindisfarne in Australian Education.

The strengthening of our leadership team in each subschool, with the addition of an Assistant Head of SubSchool and a Dean of Students, has enhanced support for students, staff, and families and will be further embedded into our School Structure in 2026.

As we plan for the 2026 School year, we remain committed to continuous improvement, working to strengthen our Anglican Identity and Ethos, develop our staff and Executive team, progress our Building and Masterplan, enhance Quality Teaching and Learning, develop our Well-being programs, expand our co-curricular offering, develop our ParentEd program and build Community Engagement.

We thank you for supporting the School throughout 2025 as we continue to advance our shared vision to develop a world-renowned school for families on the southern Gold Coast, the Tweed Coast, and in northern New South Wales.

I wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas, and I trust some rest and renewal over Christmas and the New Year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Marquardt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stuart Marquardt  
**Principal**