



# CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria,  
**RE: Tuition rates for 2020-21**

Last school year, the Board of Directors for the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) decided it was time to complete a comprehensive tuition review, including: philosophy and methodology, consistency across the diocese, standard rate, and “Practicing Catholic” discounted rate. It had been about 10 years since the last comprehensive review took place. As such a Tuition Review Sub-committee was formed with the goal to:

- update the philosophy and methodology of tuition rates.
- determine tuition rates for the upcoming year.
- review eligibility and application requirements to receive the discounted “Practicing Catholic” tuition rate.
- apply a consistent format and structure for tuitions in all schools across the Diocese.

The Committee met five times in 2019 and in January 2020 presented their recommendations to the CISDV Board of Directors for approval.

## So what exactly has been updated or is new for 2020-21?

- There is a slight increase in the “Standard Tuition Rate” for one child, with discounted rates for the second and third child. The “standard tuition rate” is based on the annual cost of educating a student plus a nominal amount for present and future capital expenses.
- The Family rate is based on a **three-child maximum** (some of our schools already had this; others previously had a two-child max). As such, there will now be a third child rate in **all** schools across the Diocese.
- There will be no tuition for a fourth child enrolled when three other children are already attending one or more schools in the Diocese.
- Family tuition rates have been recalculated to better match the updated methodology.
- A discounted tuition rate will remain available for “Practicing Catholic” families.
- A *Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate Request Form* replaces the previous *Parish Supporter Form*. The application for the “Practicing Catholic” tuition rate will be a **self-declaration form** based on the criteria established for such a tuition. The form is to be submitted at the time of registration or re-registration; the Pastor’s signature is no longer required.
- Once the *Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate Request Forms* have been received at the school, Pastors will be provided with a list of all the families in their parish that have requested the “Practicing Catholic” discounted tuition rate. This will allow the Pastors, should they so choose, to be in contact with families that are practicing in their parish.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school principal or myself.

Together in Christ,

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