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Dear parents and carers

As we prepare for the year ahead, the College Council has completed its annual review of the College's financial position. This review is an important part of our commitment to careful stewardship of resources and to ensuring that Helena College continues to provide a high-quality learning environment for every student. Each year, we look closely at all aspects of College operations to find efficiencies, respond to emerging needs, and plan responsibly for the future.

A component of this review is determining the 2026 tuition fees, several key considerations have shaped our decisions. As with most households and organisations, the College is facing rising costs across all areas of operation. This includes facilities maintenance and teacher salaries, which represent a significant portion of our overall expenses. As Helena College aligns its salary structure with the Department of Education pay scale, recent increases must be reflected in our budget for the coming year.

An important focus for the College is the ongoing implementation of the Master Plan for facilities and buildings, a cornerstone of our strategic vision. In 2026, this plan will move into an exciting new phase, with major projects commencing across both campuses. These include the refurbishment of classrooms and outdoor learning spaces, as well as the construction of a new classroom block at the Senior School. Families will be kept informed as these projects unfold, ensuring the community shares in the progress and benefits of these enhancements.

A key consideration for Council has been the rising cost of living across the community. After three consecutive years of fee increases of 5.75%, 5%, and 5%, the Council's Finance committee has collaborated closely with the school to ensure that budgets remain disciplined, and expenses are kept to a minimum.

After considering these factors, the College Council has endorsed a 4.75% tuition fee increase for all year levels, from Kindergarten through to Year 12 reflecting our continuing efforts to balance affordability for families with the sustainability of College operations.

Sibling discounts will remain unchanged in 2026:

- 10% for a second child
- 20% for a third child
- 30% for the fourth and subsequent children

The early payment discount of 2% for families who pay the full annual fee at the start of the school year will also continue.

There will be two adjustments to the fee structure in 2026. Camp catering charges and full-year group digital booklist subscriptions will now be included in the annual fee account. By spreading these costs across the year, families will experience a lower upfront financial impact at the beginning of the school year.

We recognise that many households are managing increasing financial pressures. Families who may require assistance or wish to discuss payment options are encouraged to contact our Business Manager, Nicole Sangrigoli, at [businessmanager@helena.wa.edu.au](mailto:businessmanager@helena.wa.edu.au). Nicole is available to work confidentially with families to explore arrangements that support access to a Helena College education.

The College Council will continue to work closely with Principal Peter Coombs and the Executive team throughout 2026 to monitor operational costs and ensure that our students benefit from a safe, engaging, and well-resourced learning environment.

We extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for the holiday season and look forward to welcoming you back to the College community in the new year.

Regards

**Ty Theodore**  
**Chair of Council**