



ST FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL
TE HURA O HĀTO WERAHIHO TE HERA

Donations and Payments 2025

Kia ora e te Whānau

While the New Zealand government supports most school costs, there are additional expenses crucial to enhancing our students' learning experience at St Francis de Sales School.

Last year, our school faced a funding gap of **over \$40,000**. A decline in volunteers over time has also affected income (e.g. from annual school fairs). Last year we sought grants to bridge some of the gap. This financial pressure impacts us each day, as we work hard to maintain valuable aspects of school life.

To continue providing quality education in a caring environment, we continue to rely on the generosity of our families. Your support through donations and compulsory payments is vital.

We have had a **'Pay It Forward'** scheme in place since 2024. We invite you to make a donation to contribute to one or more of the school costs listed below for another SFdS family.

Below is an overview of the 2025 donation requests and compulsory payments.

Voluntary Donation Requests

Firstly, we request that you contribute towards general costs across the school, as detailed on KINDO:

1. **'SFdS Donation':** Supporting *optimal learning support* and updating *learning resources*
 - \$270 for one child
 - \$370 for two children
 - \$420 for three or more children
 - * 'Pay it forward' - donation to support another family at SFdS
2. **Religious Education Digital Resource:** \$11 per child requested to cover costs
3. **Swimming:** \$80 per child requested to cover costs of instruction and bus transport

Secondly, we also ask that you contribute towards Year Level based activities, as detailed on KINDO:

4. **Activities Donation:** Supporting various curriculum-related activities:
 - Year 1-3: \$80 per child** requested to contribute to the cost of athletics and cross country events, learning through play, Life Education, intro to Kapahaka, beach trips, first aid lesson, weekly art lessons, visiting speakers, Royal NZ Ballet workshop, occasional trips and school events, sports gear
 - Year 4-8: \$130 per child** requested to contribute to the cost of Life Education, Kapa Haka, Cultural festival, snorkeling lessons, athletics and cross country events, school sports and zone sport, Artsplash choir, termly trips, Otago Problem-solving challenge, Royal NZ Ballet workshop, Wonder Project, first aid Lesson, weekly art lessons, visiting speakers, and school events, sports gear
5. **Noho Marae (Year 6 only):** The 2025 cost is yet to be confirmed
6. **Camp (Year 7 & 8 only):** The 2026 camp cost is yet to be confirmed
7. **Technology (Year 7 & 8 only):** \$71 per child to cover costs

Compulsory Payments

- Optional activities (e.g. optional sports teams) are selected through 'School Shop: Kindo.'
- Attendance Dues: Compulsory and payable directly to the Archdiocese. Visit the Archdiocese <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/schools-in-the-archdiocese/attendance-dues/> for details.

How to Contribute:

- Use our online school shop – Kindo at www.kindo.co.nz.
- Eftpos to the school office (no cash or cheques accepted).
- Direct deposit into our bank account: ASB 12-3141-0233071-00 (Please quote your child's name and the activity you are paying for, or the donation you are making).

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne at office@sfds.school.nz or 939 7370.

Support

If you have any concerns about our donation requests or compulsory payments, please feel free to contact our Principal, Mary-Angela Tombs directly (principal@sfds.school.nz). We are very happy to support you where we can - through payment options or applying for rebates for attendance dues.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to support you on your Catholic education journey.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mary-Angela Tombs

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