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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Re: Sibling Discounts to be applied to fees from 2018

The Chevalier College Board has become acutely aware of the additional financial pressures on families and, in particular, those who are faced with having several children attend the college at the same time. Following deliberations and prayer, and in-line with our commitment to always strive to be an affordable independent Catholic school, the Board has decided to implement sibling discounts from the commencement of 2018.

Sibling discounts will automatically be applied to the annual tuition fees where a family has more than one child attending the college, at the same time. These discounts:

- apply to children who are enrolled at the college by the same persons on each enrolment contract under the same arrangements (these persons are contractually responsible for the payment of fees)
- apply when a family has two or more children enrolled at the college at the same time
- apply to the annual tuition fees only, as published on the college fees schedule
- do not apply to the first child, i.e. the oldest child enrolled at the college
- do not preclude a family from receiving further financial assistance where genuine evidenced hardship exists

The discounts will apply as follows:

One child attending the college	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full fees, no sibling discount • Up-front payment discount available • Genuine evidenced financial hardship assistance available
Two children attending the college	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.5% discount applies to the second child
Three children attending the college	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.5% discount applies to the second child • 25% discount applies to the third child.
Four children attending the college	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.5% discount applies to the second child • 25% discount applies to the third child • 50% discount applies to the fourth child
Additional children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate discounts will be negotiated directly with the family



The college has developed a Question and Answer sheet that has been attached to this letter. If this sheet does not answer any questions you may have about this new initiative, please contact either the Business Manager or me on 4861 1488 and we will be most happy to discuss your concerns.

Finally and very importantly, the Board is yet to set the fees for 2018, but wishes to assure families that, as always, any increase to the fees will be as minimal as possible and will not be influenced by the significant decision to introduce sibling discounts.

We hope that this initiative is a welcome piece of news.

With warmest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris McDermott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "C" and "M".

Chris McDermott
Principal



Sibling Discounts Questions and Answers

Question: Who is eligible for the sibling discount?

Answer: Families will receive the discount automatically on their account, if they are eligible. To be eligible, the following will apply:

- you must have two or more children enrolled at the college at the same time
- the children must be enrolled by the same people on all signed enrolment contracts

Question: When does this come into effect?

Answer: The sibling discount arrangement will come into effect from the commencement of 2018.

Question: What are the sibling discount rates?

Answer: When you have more than one child enrolled (the children must be enrolled by the same people on all signed enrolment contracts), the following discounts will apply:

First child	0.00%
Second child	12.50%
Third child	25.00%
Fourth child	50.00%

Question: Who is the first child and so on?

Answer: The oldest child enrolled at the college is always considered the first child and no discount applies to their fee. The second child is then the second oldest child enrolled at the college, and so on from there.

Question: Do I get a discount on the other charges that appear on my statement, such as TVET fees or Wilderness subject fees?

Answer: No, the sibling discount only applies to the annual tuition fee. It does not apply to additional charges or fees that may be on your account, such as TVET fees or Wilderness fees.

Question: Are step-siblings eligible for the discount?

Answer: Yes, providing they are enrolled by the same people on all signed enrolment contracts.

Question: I have two children currently enrolled at the college, but they are not enrolled by the same people on all signed enrolment contracts. Will the sibling discount be applied?

Answer: No, the sibling discount only applies when there are two or more students enrolled by the same people on all signed enrolment contracts. (E.g. if one student was enrolled by both parents and the other student was enrolled only by their mother, then the discount would not apply). Please contact the Accounts Office if you need to discuss this further.



Question: **My oldest child left the college last year and my younger child is in Year 7. Will a sibling discount be applied to my younger child's fee?**

Answer: No, the sibling discount only applies when there are two or more children enrolled at the college at the same time.

Question: **Does the sibling discount affect the 5% upfront discount?**

Answer: When there is only one student enrolled, the upfront discount is not affected, that is, it remains at 5%.

For families that are eligible for a sibling discount, the upfront discount is reduced to 2.5% of the total annual tuition fees payable after the sibling discount has been applied. This is only applicable, as in the past, when the payment of the fees account settles the full balance owed and is received before the applicable discount date, as advertised by the college.

Question: **Do I apply for the sibling discount?**

Answer: You will automatically receive the sibling discount on your fee account if you have two or more children enrolled at the college at the same time and the enrolment contracts have been signed by the same people.

Question: **If I have five or more children enrolled at the college at the same time, what discount do I get then?**

Answer: If you will have five or more children enrolled at the college at the same time, please contact the Business Manager prior to Term 1 of the new academic year to discuss the matter.

Question: **If I am unsure if my family will be eligible, who can I contact to discuss the matter?**

Answer: Please contact the college on 4861 1488 and ask to speak to the Accounts Office to discuss your family's situation.