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GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Parents,

2025 Parish Support Program – Together.

Thank you for sending your children to one of our three Parish Primary Schools – **School of the Good Shepherd, Mary Queen of Heaven, and St Carlo Borromeo.**

Our parish schools and our parish community have a special relationship – working together in mission to provide the best Catholic education for our children.

Working together for the benefit of our children:

- It starts with a close working relationship between the School Principals and Parish Priest
- Providing an education underpinned by our shared faith and values
- Religious education classes as part of each year level
- Laying strong faith foundations through the Sacramental Program – First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation
- Celebrating our faith at school and class Masses, and major events, e.g. Easter and Christmas
- Involvement in parish wide activities that are living examples of our faith in action – e.g. Project Compassion and other pastoral care and outreach initiatives

As a parent you have a key role to play. Your personal example reinforces the importance of our faith in your child's development. **Your financial support is also critical.** Whilst your school fees, together with Australian and Victorian Government support, provide financial resources for our schools, your financial support of our parish enables it to be a vibrant, vital and viable community.

The **Parish Support Program – Together.**, is a new initiative for school families to voluntarily financially support the parish – its essential mission and works, and the maintenance and care of our churches and parish facilities – ensuring it can continue to support you and our children on their faith journey into the future.

We ask you to consider a voluntary contribution of \$65 for Term 4 of 2025 – equivalent to just one cup of coffee per week – to the Parish Office by Friday 21 November. The payment form and further information is available **via the QR Code**. Your support of the Parish in this way is appreciated.

In Christ,



Fr Dishan Candappa
Parish Priest



Carmela D'Amato
Principal
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