## FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

St Agnes' Parish recommend Mid North Coast Financial Counselling Services - supporting regions from Grafton to Taree.

The service caters to individuals, families and the community, offering education and awareness. They listen carefully to your situation without judgement to work out the best options for you.

Offering a free and confidential service they provide:

- budgeting advice
- support for people in financial distress advocacy, negotiation and mediation
- information on your rights and options
- referrals to other services



For an appointment with Mid North Coast Financial Counselling Services, phone: 1300 662 540.

www.stagnesparish.org.au

**OFFERING CUSTOMISED PAYMENT OPTIONS** FOR TUITION FEES

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CONTACT ST AGNES' PARISH TODAY TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN **ASSIST YOUR FAMILY** 



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# **OPTIONS TO SUIT YOU**



## Did you know?

- our preferred payment method of direct debit is available on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis and you have the full year to pay via equal instalments
- if you receive Centrelink benefits, payment for school fees can be made via Centrepay Deduction on a fortnightly basis and you have the full year to pay via equal instalments. For more information go to: www.humanservices.gov.au/centrepay
- if you prefer BPay, you may choose our 3-instalment payment option with due dates of the instalments advertised annually (payable in full towards the end of August each year)
- if you're able to pay in full by the first instalment date each year, an early payment discount applies
- we now offer split billing, so you know exactly how much you are responsible for each year

## Have you ever wondered:

- may I increase my regular direct debit so that I finish paying my fees earlier in the year?
- may I pay a lump sum and reduce my regular payments?
- I have some big bills due this month. Could I delay this payment and double-up on the next one, or pay it off over the next few payments?
- I work casually and am unable to sign up to a direct debit and don't receive benefits. May I pay via BPay over the entire year rather than in 3 instalments?

# **PARISH SUBSIDIES**

Subsidies are available when the unexpected happens and you need some time to recover financially.

This is mostly applicable to "one-off" events, where the need for ongoing assistance is not required.



#### TO GET IN TOUCH...

- Email enrol@stagnesparish.org.au with your contact details and a preferred contact time and we will call you, or
- Call the Education Team at Parish Administration on 6588 7444

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!



### FFF ASSISTANCE

This is our formalised program to assist families.

- We require completion of an application form with supporting documentation such as a payslip and a statement of Centrelink benefits, to determine whether a family qualifies on a financial basis. Allowances are made for families with children or adults with special needs and extraordinary items
- families may also qualify on a pastoral basis, e.g. loss of a family member, victim of domestic violence, where a financial assessment is not performed
- fee assistance is renewed annually



The answer to all of these is YES!