FEE STRUCTURE 2014

The School Education Board in consultation with the Parish Finance Committee determines the school fees.

SCHOOL FEES

Family Fee $1320.00 per family
Capital Fee $75.00 per family
Maintenance Levy $50.00 per family *
Curriculum Fee $295.00 per child (Includes $80 swimming fee and $50 Excursion costs)
ICT Levy $60.00 per child

The collection of these school fees meets the recurrent costs e.g. text books, stationery needs, art and craft materials, swimming fee, subscriptions, excursions, light, power and heating, insurance, rates, building/equipment/grounds maintenance: and the capital costs of resource development, improvements and loan repayments.

*The Maintenance Levy helps us with the costs of buildings and grounds maintenance. This levy will be refunded to families who attend one working bee during the school year.

Additional charges need to be paid prior to each program as it occurs during the year.

- Grade 3 and 4 Big Day Out $35
- Grade 5 and 6 camp $255
- Interschool Sports Levy $45 (Yr 5 and 6)
- iPad Lease $90** (Yr 5 and 6)

**iPad lease is additional to the $60 ICT Levy, totalling $150 per year, to be paid by end November in the previous year.

The lease enables the student to have the use of an iPad for the year. When the student graduates in Grade 6 you may pay the residual to own the iPad (residual is $150 after two year lease).

The Total Fees will be generated at the commencement of the school year and statements will be sent out on a monthly basis. Payment options are outlined below:

Annual Payment
The annual payment of school fees may be paid on or before the close of business on 15 March 2014.

Three Instalments
Due on 15 March, 17 May and 16 August 2014.

Monthly Payments
Ten monthly payments, due on or before the 16th day of each month. February to November.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Credit Card or Direct Debit. Credit card payments can also be made by telephone. If you would like to organise an automatic payment facility please complete the authorisation forms attached.
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY
Unless alternative arrangements have been made, the school expects fees to be paid by the due date. If you are having difficulty in paying school fees, or find that you cannot pay them by the due date, don’t delay, contact the school office immediately to arrange an appointment with the Principal. In this way, you will be able to avoid any inconvenience and embarrassment that may result. Be assured that we shall always allow for families who have trouble paying fees because of financial difficulties and that any discussions will remain completely confidential.

PARISH LAND LEVY
The Parish Levy is independent of the School and goes directly to the Parish as a contribution to the maintenance of Parish property, services that are utilized by our parents, school and children and capital payments for the school land and buildings. This Levy will be billed separately by the Parish.

Parish Land Levy $260 pa.

The payment of the Levy can be made in one lump sum by 20 June 2014 or four payments of $65 due 11 April, 11 July, 11 September & 11 November 2014. Payments can be made by cash, credit card, EFTPOS or cheque payable to St Paul Apostle Parish at the Parish Centre or the School Office. .

PAYMENT OF PARISH LEVY MUST BE MADE SEPARATE TO YOUR SCHOOL FEES.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
The Education Maintenance Allowance is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age, and the student is enrolled at a Government or non-Government School in Victoria on census day, 28 February 2014 for instalment 1 and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment. The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must:
on the first day of 1st Term (28 January 2014) for the first instalment and
on the first day of 3rd Term (14 July 2014) for the second instalment:
(a) be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
(b) be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
(c) be a temporary foster parent AND
(d) submit your application to the school by the date/s listed below.
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known as Child Disability Allowance), or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they also comply with one of (a) (b) or (c) above.

Submission dates
The application form must be lodged at the school by:
28 February 2014 for the first instalment (70%) or
1 August 2014 for the second instalment. (30%)

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:
- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.

Important information
A separate application is required for each school if you have children attending different schools. If your child transfers schools during the year, you will need to make an application at the new school.

To apply for the EMA please complete an application form available from the school office and bring your eligible Card to the school office before the end of February 2014.
Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.

The Commonwealth Government does not accept late applications.