

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Please note: The information on this sheet is 2008 information.

2009 information will be provided once it becomes available
(not yet available from the Government on 23 October 2008).

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (29 January 2008 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (14 July 2008).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **29 February 2008** for the first instalment and **1 August 2008** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$215** for primary students and **\$430** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically twice a year and parents/guardians receive their portion via two cheques. Students turning 16 years in 2008, will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Years P – 6*	Years 7 – 12*
One	Parent	\$ 75.25	\$ 150.50
	School	\$ 75.25	\$ 150.50
Two	Parent	\$ 32.25	\$ 64.50
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	TOTAL	\$ 215.00	\$ 430.00

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2008 through Edenhope College will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 29 February 2008 and prior to or on 1 August 2008, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the College Office.