Education Maintenance Allowance

(EMA) in 2014

EMA was restructured at the start of 2013 school year. The changes were brought in to increase the focus on direct support to parents. Schools no longer receive a school based payment.

- The EMA is paid in two instalments annually (70% in March and 30% in August).
- These changes apply to government and non-government schools.

EMA first instalment payments to parents for 2014 are:

- $140.00 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $105.00 for parents of all other eligible primary school students

Eligibility

The EMA provides financial assistance to families on a low income to help with the cost of essential educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

EMA is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink/Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

Please present your current Pension/Health Care Card at the office, and fill out an EMA form.

If your EMA application is unsuccessful, you will be contacted by us to complete the payment of your child’s fees.

There are 2 options available to you to organise payment of your child’s stationery and school fees:

**OPTION 1:**
Pay full amount of:
- $150.00 (Grades 1 – 6)
- $175.00 (Prep)

for books and fees yourself and elect for EMA payment to be paid directly to you in March and August.

**OPTION 2:**
Elect for EMA 1st instalment payment to be paid directly to the school. The 1st instalment (70%) will be used to cover book list and fees.

For grades 1 – 6, this will require you to pay the difference of $45.00.

For Prep, this will require you to pay the difference of $35.00.

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