

Castlemaine Steiner School & Kindergarten

School Fees Information Sheet - 2008

The following information applies to all parents making an enrolment application.

Enrolment Application Fee – Applicable to Ring a Rosie, Kindergarten and School Applications

A non-refundable Enrolment Application Fee of **\$80 per child** is payable with enrolment application. Sixty dollars (\$60) of this is deducted from the first term's fee.

Entry Bond - Applicable to school only: Prep to Class 8

Entry into the school requires the payment of an Entry Bond of **\$250** prior to commencement. See the document *Conditions of Admission* for further information

CLASS	FEES PER TERM	Fees per Year	INFORMATION
Kindergarten	\$540 per term for three sessions per week. Or \$720 /term for four sessions per week	\$2,160 or \$2,880	Children are enrolled in either 3 or 4 sessions per week. (Fees are based on \$180 per session per term)
Prep to Class 8	First child \$940	\$3,760	1. The Prep programme (4 days) is charged at the full school fee. This assists with the employment of two staff members in the Prep room. 2. Class 3 to Class 8 Fee does not include swimming lessons, instrumental lessons, ensembles and camp fees. Day excursions will also be charged separately each term. Music @\$245/term
	Second Child 21% \$745	\$2,980	
	Third Child 65% \$330	\$1,320	
	Fourth child 85% \$140	\$560	

Please refer to Conditions of Admission sheet for additional information.

The Conditions of Admission must be signed and lodged at Reception during enrolment.

Tuition fees are subject to change on an annual basis with a minimum of one term's notice.

Music Tuition Fees. (Stringed instrument) **\$245 per term** for all students in Class 3 upwards, includes lessons and ensembles. Participation in Percussion Ensemble in Class 7&8 only is charged at \$125 per term.

Discounts: Sibling discounts apply to school enrolments only (21% for second child, 65% for third child and 65% for the fourth child). No discounts apply to Kindergarten, Ring a Rosie or Playgroup enrolments.

Other Costs – invoiced each term

- Stringed Instrument Music Tuition will be invoiced each term for Classes 3-8.
- Excursions/camps/swimming and special performances and events(Such as the multi-cultural week performances)– as required in each year level
- Individual class levy for text books – as required in each senior level
- Personal equipment/Musical Instruments – are purchased by the family as required in each year level.

Payment of Tuition Fees

Fees are payable in advance at the beginning of each term within 3 weeks (approximately 21 days) of receiving the invoice.

Any fees outstanding after 12 days, without a signed Fee Agreement, will incur a \$25 Administration charge.

The school has implemented a Fee Retrieval Policy which all incoming parents must receive. A condition of entry to the school is that each parent / guardian sign the Conditions of Admission form.

Fee Assistance scheme

The school has adopted a Fee Assistance Scheme, which forms part of the Fee Retrieval procedure. Fee Assistance packages are available on an application basis, for families with severe financial difficulty in meeting fee agreements.

Tax Deductible Donations

The school is undertaking major capital building projects within the School Master Building Plan, which require regular financial commitments. Donations to the school's Building Fund are tax deductible.

The school also operates a tax deductible Library Fund and a Bursary Fund. Donations enable these programmes to develop.

These payments are voluntary and are welcomed at any time throughout the school year.

Other Financial Support

The school has kept tuition fees to a minimum in order to remain accessible to all families. This requires that the school community as a whole supports the school's working bees and fundraising activities. Commitment of time is expected of all families.

Conveyance Allowance and Education Maintenance Allowance – Payments by the State Government to families.

1. *Conveyance Allowance* - This payment is for parents who convey their child/ren more than 4.8km **to school** (one way) and is to assist with travel costs.

2. *Education Maintenance Allowance* - This payment is for parents who are holders of health care cards, pension cards or similar and is to assist with educational costs.

Application to the Department of Education for these two allowances is made through the administration of the school and is advertised through the school newsletter. The EMA payment is made twice yearly through the school – at the end of the second and fourth terms. The Conveyance Allowance is received four times a year, at the end of each term, and is applied to your fee account when we receive it.

Copies of Health Care Cards must be lodged at the office with Application forms to be eligible for this payment.

Families with Kindergarten children who have Health Care Cards also receive a rebate of \$720 on fees in Term 3&4. Copies of Health Care cards must be lodged in February to be eligible for this rebate.

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MUSIC TUITION FEES - 2008

\$980 PER YEAR

CLASS	FEE	INFORMATION
Stringed Instrument Programme Class 3 to Class 8	\$245 per term	Weekly stringed instrument lessons and participation in ensembles
Percussion Ensembles Class 7-8 only	\$ 125 per term	For participation in one percussion ensemble