



# FAMILY FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME



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# Tuition Fee Discounts

In all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools, tuition fee discounts are available to families who have successfully applied for support under the Victorian governments Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF).

The Family Fee Assistance Scheme offers tuition fee discounts to new and current students. Although a family may be eligible to receive a fee discount, families may choose not to apply for the fee discount and pay the full school fee.

The Family Fee Assistance Scheme covers all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools. Families qualifying for the scheme will pay \$520 per annum (\$10 per week) for primary school tuition fees.

The discounted fee covers tuition and capital fees only. It does not cover additional charges including camps, book hire or subject levies. If you are receiving the Family Fee Assistance tuition fee discount, your child will be able to take part in school activities, trips and excursions, however, you may be required to pay for activities which require additional payment.

To access this scheme you will need engage in the school's enrolment process in order to gain a place for your child at the school. Once a position has been confirmed, you will be informed of the Family Fee discounts that are available. To access the discount, parents or guardians are required to complete the CSEF application and complete a Family Fee Assistance Scheme application form.

## Eligibility

Eligibility for the scheme requires the parent/carer to hold a current Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Veteran Affairs Gold Card, and have successfully applied for the CSEF. Please note that students who are holders of Health Care Cards are not eligible.

It is intended that the Scheme will operate for the duration of the child's enrolment at the school, however this is subject to ongoing eligibility for CSEF support.

Please note that an application will be required annually for participation in the Family Fee Assistance Scheme.

If you receive a Concession Card during the school year, the reduced fee will apply on a prorata basis. For example, if you receive the card in June you will be charged two terms at the full rate and two terms at the reduced rate. If your card is no longer valid or is not renewed, you should inform the school immediately, and an updated fee account will be issued.

If you are ineligible for the Family Fee Assistance Scheme but are experiencing financial difficulties, you should discuss the support available with the school principal. You will be asked to provide information to assist the school in assessing your individual claim for assistance.