E.M.A. Policy

To ensure all eligible parents receive the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

To ensure the allowance is managed effectively at a school level in compliance with relevant Department of Education and Early Childhood Development requirements.

A parent or guardian of a child under 16 years of age who holds an eligible Centrelink benefit and a Health Care Card or Pension Card, may be entitled to the Education Maintenance Allowance.

Payments to parents are:

- $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $150 for parents of all other eligible Primary School students

Parents/guardians may choose to credit the school with their portion of EMA. If this is the case, the school will deduct the Essential Education Items.

Any portion of the EMA not expended by the end of the year will be returned to the parent/guardian unless there is agreement reached with the parent/guardian that this money can be carried over into the next year.

Parents on applying for the first instalment of the E.M.A. must provide a copy of their current Health Care Card. Details are entered on-line.

Details relating to the E.M.A. eligibility and due dates for applications will be communicated to parents on enrolment and via the school newsletter.

E.M.A. information will be distributed in languages appropriate to the school community so as to ensure all eligible parents are aware of application requirements. Non-English E.M.A. information is available from the DEECD website.

Late claims cannot be accepted by the school.

The E.M.A. is provided twice each year to pay for student requisites.