

Finance Matters

Our preferred method of payment is directly through the Compass Portal; however other methods of payment are available if required.

Dates: Payment is due in full on 15/12/2018 or via 4 equal instalments 15/12/2018, 25/01/2019, 25/02/2019 & 25/03/2019.

Alternatively come into the office to organise a Payment Plan asap (to be completed by 25/03/2019)

Existing Compass families: After 1st October you will be able to view your next years, Year 7 student.

New families to Compass: You will receive your Compass login details at the end of the Orientation day in December.

Payment Plans are also available- (must be in agreeance with the school)

BPay: (details as shown on your family statement), if unsure please call the office for the B-Pay Biller Code and B-Pay Reference Code.

Direct Debit:

1. Deductions can be made via a credit card on the 20th of the month or

2. From your nominated bank account on the 15th of the month

Please complete a MESC Payment Deduction Form and return to the general office. Alternately this can be arranged over the phone or in person at the general office

3. You may start the deduction at any time suitable to you, however it must be completed by the end of term 1.

4. All payment arrangements must be arranged with staff via the general office

Centrelink: CentrePay is a free direct billing service available to clients who receive a Centrelink payment. If you are interested in setting this deduction up, please come in to the office to complete the paperwork.

CSEF: (Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund) Parents who hold a valid means tested concession card maybe eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child/ren. The allowance is \$225/student if eligible. If applicable please fill out the CSEF application. For Year 7 students this can be allocated to the Year 7 Orientation camp in February.

Uniform Assistance:

If you are eligible for CSEF you will automatically qualify to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools Relief. If your child receives CSEF in Year 6 2018, you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools' Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2019. Please come in to the office and complete the required form. (Please be aware that if you did not receive CSEF in 2018 and are eligible you will need to complete the uniform pack request form, however you will receive the voucher during term 1 2019).

If you have any queries or questions please make an appointment to see Deb Farag. As always, all conversations are held in the strictest of confidence.

Please read an excerpt from a previous College Newsletter

Levies:

It is an expectation that Essential Educational Items are paid to support the provision of quality materials and items. ALL funds collected as Essential Education Items provide the ONLY budget to our teachers (i.e. classroom materials for our students). Students chose subjects and families approve the choice of electives, therefore subjects have been planned and costed according to the commitments made by families. If we want to continue to give our children excellent education with relevant resources, parent contributions are imperative. School Council is aware of the financial constraints placed on families and ensure levy charges are kept to an absolute minimum. Staff are held accountable for the resources they require and undergo meticulous monitoring. If we wish to maintain our status as a school of excellence, we need to provide the best for our children.

We do not want to compromise our programs. If families do not honour there commitment it is very difficult to deliver the programs as planned. Programs then have to be altered to account for the reduction in revenue., compromising what has been planned and can be delivered. Whilst we receive funds from the government to educate our children, the amount is minimal and certainly does not keep up with increasing costs.

We rely on the college community to partner with us in supporting the learning of our children so that the high standards expected of Mount Eliza SC can be maintained.

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