

# **IMPORTANT**

## **Information on the Education Maintenance Allowance 2010**

The Education Maintenance Allowance is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **AND**

Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **OR** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **OR** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (27 January 2010 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (12 July 2010).

### ***Submission Dates***

The application form must be lodged at the school by:

**26 February 2010** for the first instalment **or**

**6 August 2010** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$450** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Students turning 16 years in 2010 will be paid on a pro-rata basis.

**Application forms are now available from the  
General Office.**