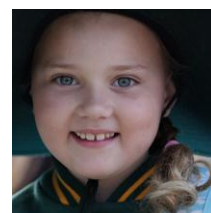
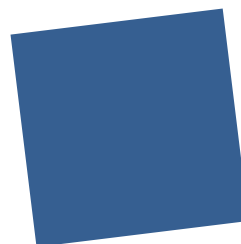
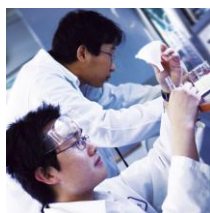


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Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have not claimed in First Semester, have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA.

The allowance is paid in two instalments, ~~one in March~~ and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery**. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the 2nd Semester EMA amount per SECONDARY student is:

- **\$90** for year 7 students:
- **\$75** for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Pick up an EMA application form from our school's Bursar Office

Closing Date: You need to return a completed EMA form back to the school by **1 AUGUST 2014**

For more information about the EMA, visit

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx>