



Dear Parent,

RE: EDUCATION TAX REFUND (ETR)

As you may be aware late last year the Australian Government established the Education Tax Refund (ETR) to help some families meet the costs of school education through assistance with certain education expenses. A fact sheet prepared by the Australian Taxation Office is enclosed which provides a brief overview of ETR, eligible expenses, and how to claim the ETR.

In accordance with our long standing practice of advising school fees to parents as early as possible our fees for 2009 were finalised prior to the introduction of this legislation. Accordingly potentially eligible expenses were not shown as separate items on the fee invoices issued earlier this year. We are intending that from next year these items will be shown as separate items on fee invoices.

We have, however, subsequently analysed the components within the tuition fees changed and have estimated costs relating to potentially eligible items as follows:

Year Group	ICT Related Costs ¹	Textbooks & Stationery ²
Kindy	\$35	\$55
Year 1	\$35	\$55
Year 2	\$35	\$55
Year 3	\$35	\$55
Year 4	\$35	\$55
Year 5	\$45	\$60
Year 6	\$45	\$60
Year 7	\$45	\$60
Year 8	\$45	\$60
Year 9	\$50	\$75
Year 10	\$50	\$75
Year 11	\$50	\$80
Year 12	\$50	\$85

The school cannot and doesn't provide financial or taxation advice. Parents able to claim the ETR will need to seek their own independent advice in relation to whether a claim incorporating these amounts can be made in the current taxation year.

For further information about the ETR please visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au, phone the Australian Taxation Office on 13 28 61 or speak with your taxation or financial adviser.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Baldry
School Bursar

¹ Being costs associated with acquiring, repairing and running computers and related equipment used in place of paper based educational material

² Being school textbooks, other paper based school learning material and stationery