



Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox College

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Proposed College Fees for 2008

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Dear Beloved Parents,

St Mark's College has completed its 12th Year of Service to our Coptic and local communities. This year, the College has continued to improve its facilities and its delivery of educational programmes and raised the quality of service, a quality that is exceptional for a low fee paying school. St. Mark College competes with private schools with fees FIVE fold what our parents pay!!! Our efforts – administration, teachers, students and parents - have resulted in outstanding results in the Junior School Basic Skills Tests and, in the Senior School, the ELLA and SNAP results, as well as the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results. I am sure you all know about the HSC results with three students achieving All Rounder (band 6 in all subjects), Mathematics and English results this year were outstanding and above state average.

This has all been achieved through your support of the College and through the Grace of the Lord, in His wisdom, providing us with well-qualified and exceptionally dedicated teachers and support staff. All this places St Mark's College amongst the top independent and selective schools in the state, even though we are restricted by our modest tuition fees.

St Mark's is a school with limited funds and resources, but has achieved so much through everyone's goodwill, love and commitment for its continuing operation. We look forward to your continued support by promptly paying the school fees. Accordingly, the Board has approved an increase in fees for 2008 of about 5% in primary and increasing to 15% in high school. To assist families with more than one child the generous discounts have been maintained, as shown below.

1. First Child (full fee paying)
2. Second Child (20% discount)
3. Third Child (35% discount)
4. Fourth Child onwards (Free)

College Fees for 2008

	Fees	Activities	Total
KG	\$ 660		\$ 660
Year 1	\$ 1,380	\$ 240	\$ 1,620
Year 2	\$ 1,410	\$ 240	\$ 1,650
Year 3	\$ 1,500	\$ 440	\$ 1,960
Year 4	\$ 1,560	\$ 425	\$ 1,985
Year 5	\$ 1,585	\$ 715	\$ 2,300
Year 6	\$ 1,665	\$ 665	\$ 2,330
Year 7	\$ 1,735	\$ 860	\$ 2,595
Year 8	\$ 1,840	\$ 840	\$ 2,680
Year 9	\$ 1,980	\$ 650	\$ 2,630
Year 10	\$ 2,050	\$ 735	\$ 2,785

Year 11	\$ 2,360	\$ 595	\$ 2,955
Year 12	\$ 2,415	\$ 615	\$ 3,030

Parents will still have the option of either paying in three instalments or, in full which attracts a generous discount. To keep the fees low the College has reviewed its Discount Policy, **which applies to the Tuition Fee only.**

Part A: General Payment Schedule

Please note that fees will continue to be payable in the first **three terms** of the 2008 Year.

Instalment 1 Payment Date: Tuition Fee & Activities Levy Friday 15th February 2008

Instalment 2 Payment Date: Tuition Fee & Activities Levy Friday 10th May 2008

Instalment 3 Payment Date: Tuition Fee & Activities Levy Friday 26th July 2008

Part B: Early or Late Payment Schedule to Receive Discounts or Interest Penalty

Note: Discount applies to the Tuition fee only and the penalty applies to the Full Fee, including Activities Levy.

- **10% discount** (Tuition Fee only) for full payment (including Tuition and Activities Fees) by CASH, by Friday 15th February 2008.
- **8% discount** (Tuition Fee only) for full payment (including Tuition and Activities Fees) by Credit Card/EFTPOS, by Friday 15th February 2008.
- **5% discount** (Tuition Fee only), for full payments (including Tuition and Activities Fees) in two instalments: 1st on Friday 15th February and the 2nd by Friday 10th May 2008.
- **Flat 5% penalty is incurred (including Tuition and Activities Fees) for late payment after the Friday due date of each instalment (as stated in part A).**

Building Fund Levy is only \$225 annually for one child or \$300 per family (No increase for the fourth consecutive year).

This can be paid in three instalments or as a lump sum payment. In order to receive a tax deduction it is best paid before June 30 each year. St Mark's is heavily dependent upon the building fund contribution from parents to maintain the grounds and buildings and to embark upon future building projects, like the Food Technology Centre under construction. We thank all the parents for making their yearly contribution to this fund, so that our future generations can enjoy a fully comprehensive education.

Our College has been a great blessing for our children and our community. Through the hard work and commitment of parents and staff, we are building a system that is truly unique, as many people outside the Coptic Community have often remarked. We plead to all parents to please continue to support our College by making their payments on time. We all want to provide our children with the best quality education that is possible, but you only get it by having sufficient funds and appropriately set College Fees!

May our Lord bless you and reward you in His Heavenly Kingdom, through the prayers and blessings of **HH Pope Shenouda III** and his partner in the apostolic ministry **HG Bishop Daniel**.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Fr Yousef Fanous

On behalf of St Mark's Coptic Orthodox College Board.