



## **Fee Assessment Board Information**

The Jewish Education Foundation is pleased to announce a two-year Pilot of its Fee Assessment Board (**FAB**), which will assess the fees to be paid by parents who wish to transfer their child from a government school to a participating school but cannot afford to pay the full fee.

The participating schools are Bialik College, King David School, Leibler Yavneh College, Mount Scopus Memorial College, Sholem Aleichem College and Yeshivah Beth Rivkah Colleges.

The Pilot will be for the 2023 and 2024 academic years. Each school has nominated a number of places at various year levels they have available to take students in those years.

<b>Participating Schools</b>	<b>2023 Year Levels Available</b>
<b>Beth Rivkah Ladies College</b>	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 7 Year 8 Year 9
<b>Bialik College</b>	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 6 Year 8
<b>King David School</b>	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Year 7

Leibler Yavneh College	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10
Mount Scopus Memorial College	Year 2 Year 4 Year 5 Year 7 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11
Sholem Aleichem College	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6
Yeshivah College	Year 1 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Year 7 Year 8 Year 9

If your child is currently attending a government school and would like to attend a Jewish school, and there is availability in the school of your choice, you are invited to apply on the link below.

[Fee Assessment Board Application Form](#)

Applications for the 2023 school year open on 15 June 2022 and close on 31 July 2022.

The application process is online and is quite straightforward. All information is kept confidential. Within a short period, you will be advised of the fee assessment. You can then decide if you want to proceed with the application process.

Places offered by the schools are limited and, if oversubscribed, not all applicants will be offered a place.

If your child is likely to be offered a place, you will be required to confirm the information contained in your Application Form by completing a statutory declaration. You may also be required to provide supporting financial documentation such as tax returns or mortgage statements.

If everything is in order, you apply to enrol in your nominated school, and follow the school's normal processes for school admission.

If your child is enrolled in a participating school, your child will be entitled **to remain at that school until the completion of their schooling for the annual fee assessed by the FAB**, provided all the school's normal terms and conditions for ongoing enrolment are satisfied.

The fee payable for each year will be assessed by the FAB annually, until your child graduates, to take into account any changes in circumstances.

Parents who have already applied to a participating Jewish school for a fee assessment for 2023 will not be eligible to apply to the FAB. Similarly, if you submit an application to the FAB for a fee assessment, you cannot also apply directly to a participating school in 2023 for a fee discount for unless your child was not allocated a place in the school of their choice.

### **How your fee will be assessed**

The fee assessment will be based on your income, assets, liabilities and family situation. You will not be asked to provide details of your personal/domestic expenditure. Instead, an estimate will be made of living costs based on averages for households in Victoria, taking into account your family size, housing situation and other relevant factors. The FAB may also take into account any exceptional circumstances you are experiencing.

### **Guiding principles**

- Our community must strive to make Jewish education an affordable right for every Jewish student
- Parents should make a fair contribution based on their individual financial situation
- The process should be simple, robust and dignified
- No parent should be driven into poverty to pay fees
- Parents are entitled to retain some discretionary funding and some savings for non-school fee related expenditure

## **Donor Scholarships**

A limited number of donor funded scholarships will be awarded to families with little or no capacity to pay fees. The inaugural scholarships will be made available by the Erdi Foundation.

## **Further information**

- [Fee Assessment Board Application Form](#)
- email [admin@jewisheducationfoundation.com](mailto:admin@jewisheducationfoundation.com)