

SCHOOL FEES



2020

Do I have to pay school fees when I send my child to Camps Bay High School?

Yes; there are 2 models of government schools in South Africa, fee paying (public schools) and non-fee paying schools. Camps Bay High School is a public school and charges school fees. (SASA section 39(1))

Who determines how much the school can charge?

The amount of annual fees is decided by the Governing Body and was approved by the parents at the annual budget meeting held on 06 November 2019. Fees for 2020 is R37 000.00 per learner.

Why does Camps Bay High School seem to charge such high fees?

The budget is drawn up by the Treasurer and presented to the Board of Governors at the AGM. This budget covers all costs, from salaries (we pay for 31 teachers and supplement the salaries of 19 teachers the state pays for), electricity and water, motor vehicles to photocopy paper and building maintenance. A quality school such as Camps Bay High is expensive to run!

How will I be notified about fees?

A statement of school fees will be sent to each parent in January with the total annual school fees listed. According to the SA School's Act, these fees are due and payable upfront by the first school day of January.

What if I do not have the money to pay full fees by the first school day in January 2020?

Full school fees for the year are due on the first school day of the year (South African Schools Act), but we offer a concession of an interest-free payment plan over 10 months, from **31 January to 31 October**. In other words, the annual amount is divided by 10 and must be paid *every month*, for 10 months. (10 EQUAL payments).

If there is a default of ONE month, FULL fees become due immediately, and unless an acceptable arrangement is made with the school, the account will be handed over to our collection company.

What are school fee statements?

The statements show the balance due at the beginning of the year, as well as all payments made by you during the course of the year. The statement also reflects a reduction in fees, if this was applied for.

The statements are sent every month (by post and email) in good faith. If you do not receive them, or if your address has changed, please contact Mrs Denise Greyvensteyn immediately. Please check the statement every month. If you want to query your statement, please contact Mrs Greyvensteyn.

What payment methods can I use?

We accept electronic transfers, debit orders (either on the 15th or last day of the month), or credit cards. Cheques are no longer acceptable. We do not like to accept cash for security reasons, both yours and ours. ALWAYS use your account number as a reference when making payment to avoid confusion – eg: CRE008. References such as "School Fees" are meaningless.

Is there an incentive for me if I pay in one lump sum?

Certainly, we offer a discount of R1 500.00 if the FULL amount is paid before 31 January 2020.

But what if I simply cannot afford the full fees?

If the monthly amount is still too high for your budget, you may apply for a reduction of fees. We request that you fill in our form for this purpose (available from Mrs Greyvensteyn from January) in which a full disclosure of your financial status must be made. The Governing Body's Financial Subcommittee will review and revise the fees according to certain criteria. Without this completed form, we will NOT reduce fees. This adjustment must be **renewed annually**, if needed.

What happens after my application?

While we try to assess your application as quickly as possible, it may take a little time, especially in the beginning of the new school year. We urge you to pay a first amount *deemed affordable by you* on 31 January, irrespective of the assessment result. After assessment, you will receive a letter, or an email, stating the reduced amount. Future payments will be discussed at that point.

But will the teachers get to know about my personal finances? This may be embarrassing for me and my child.

Under no circumstances are your financial details disclosed to the teachers, nor are fees discussed with your child. All this information is treated as strictly confidential. The teachers are never told who in the class pays full fees, and who does not. The children are here to learn, develop and grow; the "money story" is not discussed with them and should never be their concern.

Is there a deadline for subsidy applications?

For planning purposes, the school needs to know its projected annual income by the end of March. It would be appreciated to let us know by then. Please note that the reduction amount is governed by a budget, which is not limitless. We have a limited amount available for subsidy applications. Once this amount has been reached, subsidy applications will no longer be entertained. Early applications for financial assistance are therefore encouraged and may NOT be made for previous years, i.e. retrospectively.

I just don't want to pay. I cannot afford it. What will the school do about it?

As a Government (Public) school, we have a right to charge school fees. Without this income the school would not be able to function, and it is not fair to let other parents pay for the education of your children. Any fee problems may be discussed with Mrs Greyvensteyn. An appointment is not necessary; she is available to help on any school day morning.

If, however, if fees are not paid, we shall send out a warning via your statement (which does not have to be received by you or your partner, the onus is on the parent to know that fees must be kept up to date), giving you a warning to bring the account up to date, or apply for a reduction. If this is not complied with, we have no other choice but to hand your account over to our collection agency (SASA section 41(1)). Unlike the school, the collection agency can and will charge interest and collection fees, which become your responsibility. They may even blacklist you and/or attach your goods. In fairness to all our paying parents, we unfortunately have no other choice. School fees are the responsibility and statutory obligation of ALL our parents.

What are the contact details of the school for fee related issues?

Mrs Denise Greyvensteyn is here to answer all fee-related questions. Please call 021-438 1507 or email denise@campsbayhigh.co.za

The school's banking details are

First National Bank

Sea Point Branch

Branch Code 201809

Account number 502 403 434 63

Ref. *Your account number* (available from Mrs Greyvensteyn and on your statement)