# ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE FEE REMISSION SCHEME UNDER THE DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME AND BURSARY SCHEME

It is our strong belief that no student should be denied admission to St. Paul's College due to financial difficulties. There will be a generous fee remission scheme provided by the College to assist families requiring financial help.

### (A) BASIC CRITERIA FOR FEE REMISSION

Four categories of Fee Remission are available: 100%, 75%, 50% and 25% depending on the Reckoner (Page 3 and 4). This Reckoner is adopted in assessing the eligibility of students for Fee Remission for the **2016/2017** school year. Points will be awarded on two aspects — family income and dependants. Levels of Assistance can be found in the following table:

Point Score	Rate of Remission
20 or above	100%
13 to 19	75%
8 to 12	50%
1 to 7	25%
Below 1	NIL

For those eligible families having more than one child attending the Primary Section/Secondary Section of St. Paul's College, the percentage of fee remission for the additional child (or children) set out above would be increased by 25% (limiting to a maximum of 100%).

If the value of the family's net assets (excluding the asset value of self-owned or co-owned property for dwelling) exceeds \$400,000, 2% of the excess amount will be added to the applicant's total average monthly adjusted family income.

Applicants receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) will be granted full school fee remission.

Applicants receiving financial assistance provided by the **Student Financial Assistance Agency (SFAA)** can also apply for the Fee Remission. School fee remission will be provided for applicants in the level of assistance not less than that calculated according to the assessment mechanism used by the **SFAA**.

#### (B) APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Parents/Guardians who wish to benefit from the Fee Remission Scheme must submit the completed application form (please download the detailed scheme from our College website) or collect from the College Office together with copies of the required documents, not later than a date to be notified. All information provided in the application form and the supporting documents submitted are subject to strict verification.

#### (C) CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION

The completed application form and supporting documents must be returned to the College Office on or before a date to be notified.

#### (D) BURSARY SCHEME

The College also provides bursaries to students receiving school fee remission. Its aim is to assist students by providing financial aid to defray the cost of learning or attending activities organised/approved by the College.

The maximum subsidy for each student is HK\$8,000 per academic year. The actual amount of subsidy depends on the level of school fee remission approved and would be released by two instalments. The details are as follows:

Levels of Fee Remission	Amount of Subsidy per Academic Year (HK\$)
FULL	8,000
3/4	6,000
HALF	4,000
1/4	2,000

- (E) Any student whose family is experiencing financial hardship due to sudden and unforeseen circumstances arising during a school year may, at any time, apply to the College for the remission. The College may offer a special remission to these families on compassionate grounds.
- **(F)** The Applicant has the right to appeal for failed or disagreed percentage of fee remission applications, such appeal should be made in writing to the Principal.
- **(G)** For enquiries, please call 2546-2241 during office hours.
- (H) The above rules and policies will be reviewed from time to time.

#### RECKONER

This Reckoner is adopted in assessing the eligibility of students for Fee Remission for the **2016/2017** school year. Points will be awarded on two aspects - family income and dependants.

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#### (I) Average Monthly Adjusted Family Income

### Average monthly adjusted family income means:-

Applicant family's total salary, allowances and other income $^{\dagger}$  received or receivable during the period from 1st April, 2015 to 31st March, 2016 divided by 12

#### **PLUS**

2% of the excess amount if the family's net asset exceeds \$400,000 (excluding the net asset value of their dwelling)

#### **LESS**

Monthly rental (for dwelling only), or monthly mortgage repayment (for dwelling only), subject to a maximum of \$12,000.

Annual income of the family includes the annual income of the applicant and the spouse; 30% of the annual income of unmarried children residing with the family if applicable; and the contributions from relatives/friends if applicable.

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Average Monthly Adjusted Family Income (HK\$)	Point Score	
0 – 18,000	20	
18,001 – 22,000	16	
22,001 – 26,000	12	
26,001 – 30,000	8	
30,001 – 34,000	6	
34,001 – 38,000	4	
38,001 – 40,000	2	
40,001 – 42,000	0	
42,001 – 44,000	-1	
44,001 – 50,000	-2	
50,001 – 56,000	-3	
> 56,000	*Not eligible	

<sup>\*</sup> Applicants whose average monthly adjusted family income exceeds the ceiling (i.e. HK\$56,000) are not eligible for any assistance under this scheme. However, for applicants in this income range with extenuating situations, special consideration may be given on compassionate ground.

## (II) Single-parent family

	Point Score
Single-parent family	2

## (III) Dependants

Dependant#	Point Score for Each Dependant			
Applicant's spouse	1			
Dependent parent	1			
Dependent children (including student-applicant):				
Attending the primary section / secondary section of St. Paul's College				
Attending full-time senior secondary course (S4-S6) and full-time Diploma Yi Jin or equivalent	2			
Receiving full-time education up to first degree [including pre-primary education, primary to junior secondary education (P1 – S3), VTC, IVE, post-secondary course, etc.] (Notes 1 & 2)	1			
Attending evening/part-time/special training courses OR not attending schools (Note 3)	Under 18 (D.O.B. on/after 1.9.1998)	Over 18 (D.O.B before 1.9.1998)		
	1	0		

<sup>\*\*</sup> Dependants in receipt of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (excluding Old Age Allowance and Disability Allowance) are not eligible for any point score.