



**OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION**  
**ST MARK'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
PO Box 231, HILLARYS WA 6923

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**Old Scholars' Association Levy**

Dear Parents and Students

Whilst the Old Scholars' Association's ("OSA") membership is made up of past students, a large portion of the activities that the Association take part in and support occur within the School. The three primary objectives of the Association are;

- To provide a vehicle through which students who have left the School may maintain connections with contacts made during their time at St Mark's;
- To assist in the development of the School by provision of financial and practical assistance; and
- To foster a spirit of community between past and present students, teachers and other members of the School family.

Whilst our first objective is focused on those that have left St Mark's, our second and third objectives are clearly for the benefit of those currently enrolled at our School.

The role of alumni organisations has changed over time. The advent of social media has resulted in alumni organisations no longer being the primary means of connectivity for alumni, allowing the OSA to focus more on its second and third objectives. The alumni is a rich and valuable resource for the students, and as the custodians of the culture and traditions that were started in 1986, alumni have a responsibility to share benefits with the current student community.

In 2008 the School introduced a compulsory membership fee for all Year 12 students. During 2018 the School and OSA reviewed this fee to ensure the sustainability of the Association and the resource it provides to the School community. Various options were considered and an annual compulsory levy payable by all enrolled students was agreed. The levy of \$25 per student per annum from Kindergarten to Year 12 will replace the current membership fee of \$100 (charged over Year 11 and 12).

A transitional levy structure will apply for students in Year 12 from 2020 to 2022, to cap their total levy payable at \$100. Furthermore, the annual levy payable per family will be capped at \$50 plus the Year 12 transitional levy. The table below indicates how the contribution levy will be introduced and recognises the payment of \$82.50 by the 2019 Year 11 students.

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023 &amp; Onwards</b>
<b>OSA Levy per student per annum</b>				
• <b>KG to Year 11</b>	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
• <b>Year 12</b>	\$17.50	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
<b>Maximum per family per annum</b>	\$50 + \$17.50 per Year 12 student	\$50 + \$75 per Year 12 student	\$50 + \$50 per Year 12 student	\$50

As part of our ongoing commitment to the School we have in recent years introduced several initiatives that we are constantly looking to grow and add to, particularly in the Early Learning Centre, Junior School and Middle School, including;

- OSA Playgroup
- OSA iRoar Competition
- OSA Scholarship
- Old Scholars' Career Day
- Study with Old Scholars' (SOS)
- Old Scholars' Prefect Meeting
- Year 12 Study Retreat
- Students vs Old Scholars' Sports Day
- One Year Reunion
- Various fundraising initiatives

After leaving St Mark's, OSA Members will also be invited to join us for numerous activities, including our monthly meetings, AGM, Business Owners' Networking Group and mentoring, as well as activities within the School such as St Mark's Day, Remembrance Day and numerous fund-raising opportunities.

For more information on these activities or your suggestions for additional ways the Association may support new initiatives, please feel free to contact us via our email [osa@stmarks.wa.edu.au](mailto:osa@stmarks.wa.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

St Mark's Old Scholars' Association