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100,000 pupils to pay more

Secondary school fees for forms four and five are to rise to \$500 — a \$100 increase — from September 1.

Form six fees are to rise by \$170 to \$620.

More than 100,000 secondary school pupils will be affected.

This is in line with the Government's stated policy that students will have to pay \$600 a year for forms four and five and \$800 a year for form six by 1982-83.

The major changes are \$500 per annum for senior

secondary students in forms four and five (presently \$400) and \$620 for form six (presently \$450) of urban secondary schools.

For students in rural schools, the new fees will be \$300 for forms four and five (now \$200) and \$330 for form six (now \$220).

The Education Department has also received applications from private schools for an increase in school fees respectively and it is expected that the level of increases will even be higher.

Meanwhile, parents are not alone in the recent spate of fee increases.

The increased rate of charges at Government outpatient clinics was also gazetted yesterday.

The fees are set generally between \$1 and \$2 which will take effect from June 1.

Charges are at \$2 for consultations at a general clinic; at a specialist clinic, a specialist clinic attached to a major hospital and attendances at a clinic for physiotherapy and occupational therapy treatment.

These charges will be increased by a further \$1 to \$3 on June 1 next year.

Fees at a general clinic for injections and dressings, a family planning clinic (for consultations only) and at methadone maintenance and detoxification centres will be \$1.