

## **Repeated and Revised Messages**

### **Family Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you for your continued contributions via Compass. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support in helping sustain our curriculum programs.

While the principle of “free education” remains, the politicisation of parent contributions has had a significant impact on government schools. FWPS previously received contributions from approximately 95% of families; this figure now typically sits between 65% and 70%.

Although we have worked hard to keep contributions low and ensure value for money, a reduction of approximately 25% in revenue has a real impact on our ability to provide the quality and range of resources we believe are necessary.

In recent years, we have introduced programs such as Spelling Mastery, the Explicit Maths Program, and Inform and Empower, all of which carry a per-student cost. When contributions are not received, funding must be sourced elsewhere.

We understand that some families may be experiencing financial hardship. Contributions may be made in part rather than in full. If you are able, we encourage you to support the school to the best of your capacity.

### **Photographing, Filming and Recording Students**

This is our annual reminder that if you wish to change your current permission settings regarding photographing, filming, or recording your child, please contact the school office.

Further information is available on the Policies page of our website:

<https://www.fwps.vic.edu.au/page/222/Policies-and-Child-Safe-Standards>

### **Annual Privacy Reminder**

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions, or where permitted by law, as outlined in the Schools’ Privacy Policy and Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy (available on our website) explains how we collect and use images, videos, and recordings of students, including when parent consent is required and how it can be provided or withdrawn.

We also encourage parents to review our guidance on the safe use of Google Workspace for Education (G Suite Information for Parents & Guardians) and how you can further protect your child’s information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s use of Microsoft 365 or Google Workspace, please contact the school.

For more information, refer to the Schools’ Privacy Policy: Information for Parents, available in multiple community languages, including Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter regarding CSEF applications for 2026. Applications close in June and provide valuable financial support for families.

This year, the amount has increased to \$400 per child. If you are eligible — don’t miss out!