

Education Contribution for 2019

12 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The gap between the level of government funding provided towards the standard curriculum and the essential expenditure of the curriculum budgets, facility upgrades and maintenance makes it necessary for all schools to charge fees. Details of our 'Parent Payments' policy can be found on the 'Policies' page of our website.

Please find enclosed, the following documents relating to the Education Contribution for the 2019 school year:

- Education Contribution for 2019 by Year Level (*charges and payment details*)
- Appendix A: Split Payment Plan
- Appendix B: Credit Card Debit Request for Split Payment
- Appendix C: 2019 Key Experiences

As always, School Council has minimised increases keeping at or below the consumer price index (CPI) wherever possible. Importantly, once again we have adopted a user pays principle – all identifiable costs have been applied to individual families according to year level. There are three payment categories which are explained below:

- Compulsory (*items 1 & 2*)
- Optional (*item 3*)
- Voluntary (*items 4 – 7*).

Education Contributions	Required For
<p>1. ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS - <i>Compulsory</i></p> <p>This compulsory contribution covers items, activities and services such as apps and software, text books, worksheets, Unit of Inquiry and Science consumables and Performing and Visual Arts supplies.</p>	<p>✓ Items, activities or services that are essential to support student learning of the standard curriculum</p>
<p>2. STATIONERY PACK - <i>Compulsory</i></p> <p>This compulsory contribution, based on a user pays principle (by year level), covers all anticipated stationery needs in addition to those retained from the previous year.</p> <p><i>A Stationery Pack will be ordered for each child unless you advise us otherwise.</i></p>	<p>✓ Student learning of the standard curriculum</p> <p>✓ Digital learning via class laptops and iPads e.g. Mathletics and LiteracyPlanet</p>
<p>3. KEY EXPERIENCES - <i>Optional</i></p> <p>Optional experiences (<i>Appendix C</i>) are offered in the form of whole-school and year level appropriate excursions, incursions, Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) and House Sport events (Years 3 – 6). Please note that a separate fee will apply for Prep – Year 6 Swimming and Year 4, 5 and 6 Camps.</p>	<p>✓ Enhancing and/or complementing the learning outcomes of the standard curriculum</p> <p>✓ Supporting instruction in the standard curriculum program</p> <p>✓ Stimulating and motivating learning</p>

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<p>4. DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES CONTRIBUTION - Voluntary</p> <p>This voluntary contribution goes towards the shortfall in the costs associated with purchasing and maintaining computers, digital technology and IT support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supporting digital learning above and beyond the standard ICT curriculum ✓ The cyclic replacement of student laptops and iPads ✓ Sustaining no 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) - <i>keeping the cost down for parents, and increasing student online safety and productivity as all devices are managed by the school</i>
<p>5. FIRST AID, HEALTH & WELLBEING CONTRIBUTION - Voluntary</p> <p>This voluntary contribution supports the costs associated with student wellbeing and exceptional First Aid.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Qualified First Aid Officers (<i>in attendance on each school day</i>) ✓ The provision and maintenance of a First Aid room including a Defibrillator and additional Asthma and Anaphylaxis equipment ✓ Therapy Dog program
<p>6. SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION – Voluntary</p> <p>This voluntary contribution enhances standard programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The provision of a diverse range of programs and activities ✓ The purchase of specialised furniture and furnishings to equip and meet student needs to access the curriculum
<p>7. PLAYGROUND AND FACILITIES FUND - Voluntary (fully tax deductible)</p> <p>This voluntary contribution is vital for the maintenance and enhancement of our buildings, facilities and playgrounds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Playground equipment ✓ The installation of decking and covered walkways ✓ Subsidising the cyclic replacement and maintenance of heating, cooling, carpet and window furnishings

School Council continues its strong endeavor to maintain the highest possible educational experience for all students and we value your continued support. For your convenience, we are offering two payment options:

- Full payment now or up until **Tuesday 15 January 2019 OR**
- Split payment - 50% automatically deducted on **Tuesday 6 November 2018 and Tuesday 22 January 2019.**

Please complete and return the enclosed form/s by Friday 26 October 2018.

As always, we are sensitive to parents/guardians who may be experiencing financial difficulties, therefore we are happy to discuss alternatives on an individual basis. To make these arrangements, or to discuss the Education Contribution for 2019 in more detail, please contact our Business/Finance Manager or Principal in confidence.

Yours sincerely

Sherril Duffy
Principal

Carolynn Smith
School Council President

Many areas that rate highly on our parent feedback surveys are made possible by voluntary education contributions. Due to your support in 2018 we were able to purchase some wonderful resources for our students.



Blue-Bots for Coding



Laptop/Tablet Devices



Lunch Clubs



Therapy Dogs



Playground



Sandpit



iPads



Art Installation



Defibrillator



Lego WeDo