



# KILSYTH

## Primary School

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Dear Parents,

To enable us to provide a high quality curriculum for our students and maintain the standards that we know you as a school community value greatly, there is a need to supplement the money provided by the Government with a parent contribution. The School Council has the responsibility in consultation with the Principal and staff to decide on the level of parent payment.

In making these decisions, the parent and teacher members of School Council were mindful of the needs and expectations of our school community and took into consideration the provision of quality core education programs at Kilsyth, the ongoing development of educational initiatives to ensure students receive the best, contemporary learning opportunities and the provision of a safe, stimulating and attractive school environment.

In line with Department of Education and Training policy we have identified three payment areas.

1. **Essential education items** - These are items which parents/guardians pay the school to provide and are essential to support instruction in the standard curriculum program. The attached parent payment request covers these items.
2. **Optional Extra** - These are items provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and are offered to all students. They are provided on a user-pays basis and if parents/guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them. At KPS this includes the swimming program. This is not included in the parent payment request.
3. **Voluntary Financial Contributions** - Parents/guardians, or anyone else, can be invited to make a donation to the school. This year in the parent payment request School Council is inviting families to make a single \$50 payment to contribute to our buildings and grounds maintenance.

As is our current practice, in 2019 we will reduce the frequency of requests for payments from families by combining the costs of any learning enrichment activities, such as excursions and special whole level events, into a single payment at the beginning of each term. There will also be a cost for our swimming program of approximately \$30 due in September 2019. If you would like to include this with your annual contribution payment please contact the office.

We work hard to keep costs for families to a minimum and through bulk purchasing we have been able to provide books and other requisites to each student at a very reasonable price. An explanation of the 2019 parent payment and recommended payment plans is attached.

School Council have decided, once again, not to increase our contribution request at this time. The total cost including books and requisites for 2019 is \$280 per student in Years 1 to 6, and \$310 per student in Foundation. A \$10 discount per child will be offered to those families that finalise payment by the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018. This notice is not a request for immediate payment as we understand there are many financial requirements upon families at this time of year. We are simply providing you with options to help make meeting these payment requests easier.

We hope you will seriously consider the payment options and choose the one most appropriate to your needs. Please discuss any concerns with the Principal, all issues will be dealt with in confidence and every effort to assist you will be given. **Any requests to use Centerpay or other payment plans should be made by October, 2018.**

Thank you for your support in continuing to assist Kilsyth Primary School in maintaining its quality educational programs.

**Amy Davis**  
**School Council President**

**Daniel Gooding**  
**Principal**