

Charges 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

Each year all parents are requested to make a number of payments towards their child's education. These payments include Personal Use Items, Voluntary Contributions, Charges and Elective Fees. This letter is to explain the costs that you can expect to incur throughout the year. This transparency in disclosing the maximum anticipated cost to parents is a key feature of the School Education Act/Regulations and Department of Education Policy.

Hopefully the strong rationale and justification we provide to parents and carers will encourage everyone, without exception, to make payment of their contribution.

Personal Use Items (Booklist)

Personal use items are those items that your child will need in his/her possession each school day in order to maximise participation in the learning program. It may be necessary to replace some items such as pencils throughout the year. Included on the Personal Use Items sheet are other expected items that students will have at school. This includes a library bag, tissues, etc.

Contributions

Under section 99 of the School Education Act 1999 schools are permitted to request all parents/caregivers to pay a voluntary contribution. The amount requested is determined in consultation with the School Council. The Voluntary Contribution will be \$60 per student for all year levels, Kindergarten, Pre Primary and Years 1-6 and the Contribution for Year 7 to 10 will be \$235. Year 11 and 12 are fees based and dependent on courses studied. The money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the areas listed on the sheet. Parents and caregivers may make this payment directly to the school or through the supplier when purchasing their *Personal Use Items* (Booklist).

Charges

On the back of this letter is an outline of possible charges you may expect to pay during the year. The outline details all anticipated costs for additional activities which students may be offered including excursions, incursions, in-term swimming, etc. These charges are the maximum anticipated cost that you may expect to pay for the year. The charges vary across year levels and will only be incurred if your child is involved in the particular activity.

Electives

Year 7 to 10 students will participate in four additional subjects in the areas of The Arts and Technologies. Under curriculum requirements Year 7/8 students are required to do one subject in each area. These are designed as 'taster' courses, exposing students to a range of subjects. In years 7 and 8 there will be no cost to any option. In Years 9 and 10 there will be a nominal cost associated with some of the courses offered. If the cost is not paid in full within three weeks of the commencement of the course the student will be withdrawn and placed in a course with no cost. Whether each individual course operates will depend on student demand for that course. Students are asked to make their selections wisely based on what is of interest to them.

Optional Items

Please note that the charges are for optional elements of the school program and they are not compulsory for students to participate. It must also be emphasised that these are the maximum charges and it is unlikely that any parent will be paying the maximum charge. An example is the Year 6 Camp where the students will participate in fund raising and the level of their success will reduce their costs.

Parents need to be aware that some students participate in other educational programs such as PEAC. These costs are not included as they are individual and not related to the whole school.

Should you have any questions regarding cost or payments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Candice Brown
Principal
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