



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

PURPOSE

- To enhance the quality and variety of educational programs offered by our school by seeking voluntary contributions from the school community.
- To provide high quality learning opportunities that cater for the needs of all students.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- School council wishes to supplement DEECD funds by seeking voluntary contributions from parents and guardians.
- Voluntary contributions are not compulsory, and students whose parents have not paid voluntary contributions will not be treated differently from those who have.
- School council will make clear distinctions between voluntary contributions and those materials and services which parents are required to pay, so that parents are not confused regarding the voluntary nature of the contributions.
- The public identification of students or their parents where voluntary contributions have or have not been paid will not occur.
- School council requests for voluntary contributions will be kept to a reasonable amount and within expectations of the school community.
- School Council will provide all parents with information detailing the purposes for which voluntary contributions are being collected.
- As with all parent payments to the school, school council will provide opportunities for all parents experiencing financial difficulties to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the principal when making voluntary contributions.
- Unpaid Voluntary Contributions do not constitute outstanding debts.
- Unless agreed by parents, the school's proportion of each eligible parent's Education Maintenance Allowance will not be used for the payment of voluntary contributions.

EVALUATION

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle. The level and purpose of voluntary contributions will be reviewed by School Council annually.

Adopted by School Council – July 2011