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## Charges 2024

Dear Parents,

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 and Charges. 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 at an early occasion in 2024.

### 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. The personal use items list will be available on-line via the school website and Compass. Included on the Personal Use Items sheet are other items that students will be expected to have at school. This includes a library bag, tissues, etc. Library bags are available to be purchased from the school library.

### 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 Board. The Voluntary Contribution will be \$60 per student for all year levels, Kindergarten, Pre Primary and Years 1 to 6. This is the maximum that can be asked and has been at this level for a number of years. 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

Included with 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.

Please note that these 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

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