An Independent Public School

Dear Parents

2016 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

In accordance with the School Education Act 1999 there is a requirement that schools outline in advance of the new school year, all costs that the education of each student may incur. Every endeavour has been made to keep costs to a minimum whilst ensuring the delivery of a high quality program.

1. Voluntary Contributions
The total amount of contributions parents/caregivers are being asked to pay has been set at $60.00 per student which is in line with the School Education Regulations 2000. Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the curriculum learning areas. While the contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth governments.

2. Charges for Extra Cost Optional Components
These amounts vary from year level to year level and within a particular year level from child to child. Students only incur costs when they are, by choice, involved in a particular activity. Notification of such activities will be sent to parents. The amounts in the schedule indicate the maximum costs that may be incurred for the various activities.
The schedule includes costs associated with:
- Specific learning activities and available to all students School, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. incursions, excursions
- Specific learning activities available to selected students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. PEAC, Music program, etc
- Other activities available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. graduation lunch, camp, etc.

3. Items for Personal Use
The list of items for personal use will vary from student to student and includes
- Pupil requirements for all students and used in lessons e.g. stationery items, calculator, etc.
- Pupil requirements recommended but not essential for all students e.g. tissues, art shirt, etc.

The recommended list of Items for Personal Use for your child will be distributed prior to the end of week 5 Term 4. All materials can be purchased through West School Supplies, however you are not obliged to use this supplier. Your child will need to have the listed materials each school day so it will be necessary to replace some items, such as pens or pencils, throughout the year.

4. Other Voluntary Approved Requests
The Mount Pleasant Primary School P & C Association voluntary approved request will be $40.00 per student.

RM BILLING
In 2016 we will continue with RM Billing. This is a process by which parents are given an annual account which includes all contributions and charges for the year. Parents have often asked to be able to pay an upfront figure at the beginning of each school year to cover contributions and charges. Statements will be provided throughout the year so that parents can track expenditure.

I have totalled all contributions and charges so that parents have the opportunity to pay an upfront figure if they so wish. Please note that these totals do not include Music, PEAC and Year 6 Camp or Interschool representation as these charges apply to a minority of students. These charges will be collected as the need arises. Voluntary contributions of $60.00 per students are included.

Parents wishing to enquire about any aspect of this overview should contact the school.
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Sub Total                                 | $55    | $129   | $148 | $148 | $150 | $146 | $116 | $116 |

School Voluntary Contributions             | $60    | $60    | $60  | $60  | $60  | $60  | $60  | $60  |
P&C Voluntary Contribution                 | $40    | $40    | $40  | $40  | $40  | $40  | $40  | $40  |

Total                                      | $155   | $229   | $248 | $248 | $250 | $246 | $216 | $216 |

The table above outlines the total of all Contributions and Charges for each year group in 2016. **Total paid will cover all RM Billing.**

The lists below will only apply to some students and will be discussed with parents when and if these are applicable to your child. **These items will not be covered by RM Billing as they are optional.**

**Optional for some students:**

- School of Instrumental Music: $110.00
- PEAC: $250.00 approximately
- Year 6 Camp: $350.00
- Interschool Representation: $20.00
- Eagles Cup: $20.00
- Massed Choir: $20.00
- Sport (swimming and interschool trials, house and carnivals): $20.00
- Academic Competitions (Science, English, Mathematics): $10.00

**Optional Costs for non-educational activities**

- School photographs (Class, individual, Councillors, House Captains): $14.00 - $28.00
- Graduation class t-shirt (Year 6 only): $24.00
- Graduation dinner dance (Year 6 only): $40.00
- Swimming squad bathers: $40.00
- Sports Shirt (faction, coloured polo): $18.00
- Year 6 graduation book/CD: $20.00

The school office is open 8.00am to 4.00pm and accepts cash, cheque and EFTPoS. Alternatively you can direct deposit into the school bank account at any time using the following details:

BSB: 016-267
ACC: 340869431
REF: Student surname and initial

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