Dear Parents and Caregivers

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

The Western Australian Government's priority is to ensure that all students are able to access an education program that satisfies the requirements of the Curriculum Framework, within the prescribed maximum voluntary contribution of $60 for students enrolled in Kindergarten to year 6.

The School Contributions and Charges financial procedure guides parents and carers to understand the flexibilities of school fee structures and to determine the estimated total cost of their child's education for 2016 at the start of the school year. It is a requirement of the Education Act that all possible contributions and charges are identified two months prior to the beginning of the 2016 school year.

The Dalkeith Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2016.

1. CONTRIBUTIONS

The term relates to the monies requested from parents towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by K-6 students in the standard educational program which Dalkeith PS is required to provide.

The total amount of contributions parents and carers are being asked to pay is $60 for Kindergarten to year 6.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the areas such as computer leases, art and classroom materials. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of the teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contribution. To enable adequate planning and budgeting please make payment at your earliest convenience in 2016.

2. CHARGES

This term refers to any costs for which payment is compulsory. Charges can be raised when extra, optional curriculum activities are offered.

A breakdown of estimated charges for your child's participation in incursions, excursions and activities for 2016 has been included in the attached schedule. These charges reflect similar charges that have been made over previous years. Students will only incur costs when they are involved in a particular activity. The amounts indicated on the schedule represent the maximum charged for scheduled activities in 2016.

You will be asked to make payment to the school for each activity as it approaches. Many families elect to make lump sum payments at the beginning of the academic year to cover all these charges. Alternatively, regular repayment plans can be arranged with the Manager Corporate Services to ensure that children can participate in all the scheduled activities.

The charges schedule includes costs associated with:

- Specific learning activities made available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. incursions, excursions, classroom cooking, etc.
- Specific learning activities made available to selected students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. School of Instrumental Music program, etc.
- Other activities made available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. Triathlon, Pool Usage, Sports Specialist and Specialist Dance.
3. VOLUNTARY P&C APPROVED FUNDS
Other Voluntary Approved Funds at Dalkeith Primary School are those struck in agreement with the P&C.

For 2016 this contribution has been set at $180 per child in years 1-6, $260 per Pre-Primary child and $220 for Kindergarten children.

P&C contributions are used to fund programs such as 50% of the leasing costs of the school ICT equipment, the associated technical support contract, upgrade to the school's wireless network, grounds improvements, student accident insurance, English and mathematics curriculum resources and infrastructure.

The Kindy and Pre-primary P&C contributions enable the provision of the teaching program and its considerable daily resource and consumables requirements.

Our school continues to be known as a "school of excellence" in large part due to the outstanding level of financial support we receive from our community in the form of these P&C collections.

I commend the Dalkeith Primary School P&C for its commitment to the provision of its quality, wide ranging plans to support our students to maximise learning outcomes and I hope you will offer your support.

Yours sincerely

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