

5 September 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Re: School Contributions and Charges 2018

Financial support by parents has always played a significant role in providing resources that extend the school's capacity to add value to the learning experiences of students. The continuing partnership between schools and parents is vital to ensuring that all students receive a level of education sufficient to carry them forward in today's society.

The Rivergums Primary School School Board has endorsed the schedule of contributions, personal items and additional costs for 2018 under Section 108 of the School Education Act 1999.

Voluntary Contributions for 2018 can be paid along with your 2018 Book List Order or to the Front Office.

Parents/Carers will be notified regarding charges for extra optional components such as excursions as they occur.

Payments can be made via QKR app, Direct Deposit, Cash or Cheque. To pay via direct deposit - banking details are BSB: 066-040 ACC: 1990 3469. Please include your child's surname, first initial and purpose of payment. (example Smith A – VC).

The contributions and charges can be broken into four sections:

1. Voluntary Contributions – A voluntary contribution towards the cost of items used in the educational program provided for your child.
2. Charges for extra cost optional items – these are estimated amounts for non compulsory activities which require payment as a condition of participation by students.
3. Items for personal use in the education program – This includes items traditionally included on the school booklist.

1. Voluntary Contributions

For 2018, the School Council has reviewed our school voluntary contributions. The total amount of contributions parents and carers are being asked to pay for 2018 has been contained below the \$60.00 per student maximum set in the *School Education Regulations 2000*.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the areas listed below. The actual costs per child are shown in the table beneath. While 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. The contribution level sought represents approximately **\$1.50 for each week** of the school year.

Kindergarten – Year 6 \$60:

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| Photocopying Supplementary | \$ 8.00 |
| Computer Consumables | \$ 6.00 |
| Science & Technology resource materials | \$ 6.00 |
| Society & Environment resource materials | \$ 6.00 |
| Physical & Health Ed resource materials | \$ 6.00 |
| Mathematics resource materials | \$16.00 |
| Arts resource materials | \$ 6.00 |
| English resource materials | \$ 6.00 |
| Total contribution per student | \$60.00 |

2. Charges for Extra Cost Optional Components

A breakdown of estimated charges for your child's participation in incursions, excursions, activities etc for 2018 has been included in the schedule below. 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 2018.

The charges schedule includes costs associated with specific learning activities available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. excursions, incursions, classroom cooking, specific learning activities available to selected students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. PEAC, School of Instrumental Music program, P.E. activities, Camp and other activities available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made, e.g. swimming.

The school offers three payment options for Charges –

- 1) Payment “Up-front” by **QKR** app or Direct Deposit Bank transfer to Rivergums Primary School BSB: 066040 ACC: 19903469.
- 2) Payment “Up-front” by cash or cheque to the front office prior to Week 4 Term 1.
- 3) Payment “As it happens” – payment for each individual excursion, visit, activity at the time it is to occur.

The School promotes payments by options 1) & 2) for the following reasons - it ensures that the correct money is paid by the due date, prevents money being lost, misplaced or stolen, is one less job for busy parents to do, reduces administration and teaching time the teachers and office staff have to spend collecting money for each individual activity.

| Description | K | P | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Incursions/ Excursions/Class Activity (Credit) | \$40 | \$50 | \$60 | \$60 | \$60 | \$60 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Swimming Lessons | | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 | \$65 |
| P.E. Activities (Interschool sports, clinics, sports options) | | | | | | \$20 | \$20 | \$20 |
| Dance Lessons | \$45 | \$45 | \$45 | \$45 | \$45 | \$45 | \$45 | \$80 |
| Camp | | | | | | | | \$270 |
| Music Performances/Incursions | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 |
| Choir (if applicable) | | | | | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 |
| Cooking/Craft Materials | \$40 | \$40 | \$40 | \$20 | \$20 | \$20 | \$20 | \$5 |
| Graduation Dinner/Dance | | | | | | | | \$100 |
| Graduation shirt | | | | | | | | \$30 |
| Musical Instrument Hire* (if available) | | | | | | | | \$130 |
| PEAC* | | | | | | | \$300 | \$300 |

NB:

- ⊗ Students may be excluded from participation in some activities at the discretion of the school.
- ⊗ The above charges do not include the cost of school uniforms.
- ⊗ Some classes may be running small scale stalls and raffles as fund raisers.
- ⊗ Some fund raising may be conducted by Year 6 classes to assist with costs associated with the Year 6 camp and/or end of year activities.
- ⊗ Musical Instrument Hire – some costs may vary in 2018 depending on the brand of equipment and maintenance expenses.

3 Items for Personal Use in the Educational Program

The charge for personal use items 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. carpet square, art shirt, tissues etc.)
 - ⊗ Items and activities for selected students that are not directly part of the educational program (e.g. Musical instrument hire, school photos, discos)
- N.B. Some of these items have already been listed in the schedule above.

A Personal Items List detailing recommended resources for each child will be distributed separately. The school has negotiated competitive prices for materials on the list, but you are not obliged to use our supplier. The School Board has opted to forego a commission paid to the school from the supplier in order to pass on savings directly to parents. If you do wish to order through the school's provider, please follow the directions on the Personal Items List. **Do not include any money at this time.** Your child will need to have the listed materials each school day so it may be necessary to replace some items such as pencils throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,



Josh Jashari
Principal