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SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2025

Dear Parents

Under the School Education Act 1999 schools are required to communicate to parents the expected level of Contributions and Charges that will be requested for the new school year.

Please note that the level of Charges and Voluntary Contributions listed below have been approved by the School Board in compliance with the School Education Act 1999.

1. CONTRIBUTIONS

A voluntary payment requested from parents towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by K-10 students in the educational program.

Financial support provided by parents has always played an enabling role in the provision of resources that extend the school's capacity to add value to students' learning experience. Whilst 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.

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Digital Technologies | Consumable and resource material | \$17.00 |
| STEM and Health | Consumable and resource material | \$17.00 |
| English | Whole school programs | \$26.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$60.00 |

Payment

Parents are encouraged to pay the voluntary contribution amount for their child/ren at the beginning of the school year. Payments can be made in a number of ways: Qkr, Eftpos or through the Personal Items List via Campion (see Section 3).

2. CHARGES FOR EXTRA COST OPTIONAL COMPONENTS

Participation in these components is voluntary, but a charge is payable if the student opts to participate.

The amounts indicated on the schedule represent the **maximum** charged for scheduled activities in 2025. As in the past, you will be asked to make payment for each activity as it approaches.

| EXTRA COST OPTIONAL COMPONENTS | YEAR LEVELS | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| | K | PP | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| In-Term Swimming (including bus costs) | 0 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| In School Visits/Performances | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Excursions (including bus costs) | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| Interschool Sports (including bus costs) - <i>*Via Selection</i> | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Music - Instrument Hire – <i>*Via Selection (Optional)</i> | | | | | | | | 110 |
| School Choir (including bus costs) | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| PEAC - <i>*Via Selection (Optional)</i> | | | | | | 50 | 300 | 300 |
| Year 6 Graduation (including T Shirt) | | | | | | | | 85 |

3. PERSONAL ITEMS LIST - ITEMS FOR PERSONAL USE IN THE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Principals determine the items to be supplied by a student for the student's personal use for the following year. The Personal Items Lists are submitted to the school board for discussion and approval and supplied to parents no later than two months before the beginning of the school year. Parents are able to purchase personal items through Campion or a store of choice.

4. OTHER FUNDRAISING COSTS

The P&C will conduct their own fundraising in 2025. Every parent will be given the option of participating in fundraising. Examples of the P&C fund raising events conducted during 2024 included: Easter Egg Raffle, Slice Drive, Father's Day Stalls, Canteen, Sports Carnival Sausage Sizzle, Colour Run and other various product promotions and raffles.

5. OPTIONAL COSTS FOR NON-EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS

All schools, including ours, offer services that incur costs but are not directly related to education costs. These may be directly through the school or by way of the P&C or outside organisation. Examples of these cost include – school photos, vacation swimming, book fairs, free dress days and charitable fund raising activities. Parents need to be aware that costs of this nature may arise and have not been included in this notification of Contributions and Charges for 2025.

The School Board always aims to keep the Contributions and Charges to a minimum but do acknowledge the importance of parents contributing to ensure the learning environment is enhanced for all children at Hocking Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Wills
Principal

28 October 2024