



Windsor State School

VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION 2017

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Providing a quality education for your children is a very resource intensive process. The Qld Department of Education provides schools, in conjunction with School Councils and Parents' & Citizens' Associations, with a framework for the operation of voluntary student contribution schemes. These schemes have the sole role of enhancing resources available to improve student learning. It is essential that we maintain our high level of education provision. Each year, as part of our budget process, we identify funding priority areas for the Voluntary Parent Contribution Scheme. When choosing these priority areas, the School Council, P&C and the school staff look to purchase resources that directly benefit students in classrooms.

In 2015, DET funded a full wireless upgrade project which now allows increased connectivity across the entire school site. As part of the school review process, the community identified the integration of a wide range of digital technologies to implement an innovative approach to curriculum delivery as one of two major school improvement priorities for development. In 2016, the School Council and DET endorsed the school strategic plan and developed a draft e-learning plan which outlines current and future requirements.

As parents would be aware, ICT costs and materials are always increasing. Technology advances quickly. Whilst we try to provide quality up-to-date ICT resources, within the constraints of our annual budget, this is only achievable with your generous support. The e-learning plan involves significant financial investment, hardware and software, for direct use in classrooms in the coming years. These requirements include iPads, iPad apps, laptops, interactive whiteboards and/or emerging technologies yet to be identified.

In 2017, your contribution of \$120 per student will continue to directly fund the purchase of ICT requirements (hardware and software) for use in classrooms.

Families with three or more students receive a reduction with total contribution not exceeding \$275. Please note that this scheme is voluntary and parents are under no obligation to contribute. In partnership with our School Council and P&C Association, I would, however, encourage parents to contribute and help enhance the learning outcomes for your children. \$120 per child is only about 0.60c per child/school day (200 days/year).

Parents can elect to make part payments at any time by regular EFT deposits into the school's bank account. Please find details of payment methods below and also on the attached payment sheet. Simply return the form attached with either your contribution, in a clearly marked envelope, or EFT deposit directly into the school bank account (BSB#064-114; A/C#00090145).

Payments can also now be made via EFTPOS (MasterCard/Visa) at the office. A receipt for all money contributed to this scheme will be provided.

Yours faithfully,



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