



ORANGE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2016 CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parents

The Orange Grove Primary School Council has endorsed the attached schedule of Charges and Voluntary Contributions for 2016. The schedule is broken into 3 sections and will allow you to calculate all costs that might occur throughout the school year.

SECTION 1: Voluntary Contributions

The total amount of Voluntary Contribution parents are being asked to pay is

\$40.00 per student if paid by 31st March 2016 (Early Bird discount)
or \$45.00 per student if paid after 31st March 2016

The contributions facilitate the provision of learning experiences that will ensure that all students receive a level of education sufficient to carry them forward in today's society.

This figure is also well below the \$60.00 maximum set in the School Education Regulations of 2000. Contributions collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the eight Learning Areas.

While contributions are voluntary the quality of learning experiences offered will be maximised when each family makes its contribution to the cost of supplementing funding given from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth governments. Voluntary contributions are about making your child's school that little bit better and providing something that would not otherwise be able to be purchased. In other words, your voluntary contribution adds value to your child's learning experiences. A number of payment options are detailed below:

- *Total payment to be paid by the second Friday of Term One 2016.*
- *Four equal payments to be paid by the second Friday of each term in 2016.*
- *Other arrangements as negotiated with the Principal.*

SECTION 2: Charges for Extra Cost Optional Components

A breakdown of estimated charges for your child's participation in Extra Cost Options for 2016 is detailed on the attached 2016 Voluntary Contributions and Charges schedule.

Details from charges collected in previous years has been used to formulate our 2016 Extra Costs Options schedule. Students will only incur costs when they choose to participate in a particular activity. The amounts indicated on the 2016 Voluntary Contributions and Charges schedule represent the maximum that may be charged for Extra Costs Options in 2016.

The **charges** schedule includes costs associated with – Specific learning activities available to all students, but conditional on payment being made eg incursions, excursions etc.

SECTION 3: Other Optional Costs/Services

Other items include items such as the Year 6 Graduation Shirts, Year 5/6 Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) which are for specific students.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS: These are personal items that students need to own. The cost for personal use items will vary from student to student. Your child will need to have these items on his/her possession each school day in order to maximise participation in the learning experiences presented. The quantities indicated on our Personal Items list are estimates of what parents might expect their child to use/consume during the course of the year. As consumption will vary from child to child, no responsibility for the accuracy of estimated quantities is accepted by the school. As such, it may be necessary to replace some items throughout the year.

Regards

Lesley Ghent
Principal

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