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SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES 2017

Sections 99, 100 and 108 of the School Education Act 1999 requires schools to notify parents of all costs associated with their children's education, prior to the beginning of the new school year. In October 2015, the P&C endorsed a motion to increase voluntary contributions as they had remained static for a long period.

1. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION (Section 99)

A combined payment applies to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The total amount payable consists of two components (both under Section 99 of the Act):

- contributions to the school
- contributions to the Kensington Primary School P&C Association

School (per child)
\$ 60.00

P&C (per family)
\$ 60.00

Voluntary Contribution – School Component

Contributions collected under Section 99 go towards the purchase of many school items including Reading Book replacements, Maths resource materials, Science consumables, Social Studies resources, Technology & Enterprise consumables/tools, Library Book replacements, Computer/Printer consumables, Physical Education resources, Art/Craft materials, and LOTE materials and consumables.

We request payment of School Contributions at the **commencement** of the 2017 school year. Your contribution towards these costs is greatly appreciated and parents are encouraged to pay their P&C and School Voluntary Contributions at the beginning of the school year. If this arrangement is not possible then parents can pay in instalments or discuss alternative payment options with the Principal. Unfortunately if there is shortfall between parent contributions and the full cost of resources or experiences, then some programs may not go ahead.

Voluntary Contribution - P&C Association Component

The Kensington Primary School P&C Association is involved in a wide range of activities that are focussed on improving the educational environment of the school. Major initiatives that have been achieved or are currently in progress include the improvement in developing the computer technology, upgrading the library and its resources, providing new playground equipment, improving the buildings, subsidies for Cultural activities, grounds and gardens improvements and providing extra resources. The P&C is a major contributor to the school's physical, social and educational environment. This significant support is made possible by the above financial contributions, fundraising events and the volunteering of time and expertise.

In addition to the general Voluntary Contribution, certain costs are incurred throughout the school year. These are summarised as:

2. EXTRA COST OPTIONAL ITEMS (Section 100)

Items in this category indicate estimated costs that parents may incur when students participate in activities that are designed to reinforce the core educational program. The following table identifies the maximum possible extra costs for each year group.

Kensington Primary School will be continuing **UPFRONT CHARGES in 2017** as per the table below. This will alleviate the constant request for funds for individual events. Please refer to the attached information sheet on upfront charges which may answer any questions you may have. Some sections are left blank as some costs do not apply to all year groups.

Please note, the following predicted costs are for optional activities. The decision for students to participate in these activities is at the parent's discretion. Should a child not participate in a particular event, but has paid upfront, the amount of that particular event will be transferred to unallocated credit for future use by you or refunded upon leaving the school.

DESCRIPTION	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
Incursions / Excursions	40	100	60	60	60	50	50	50
The following activities are not covered by the above Incursion / Excursion fee								
Faction Swimming Carnival	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	15
Circus Skills	-	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Swimming Lessons	-	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Dance/ Fitness/ Movement	45	-	-	-	-	-	60	60
Wheelchair Sports	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	7
Cooking	10	10	5	5	5	10	10	10
Reading/Comprehension Book	-	-	20	20	20	20	5	5
Reading Eggs	-	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Mathletics	-	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Buz	-	-		6	-	6	-	7
TOTAL UPFRONT CHARGES	95	228	203	209	203	226	265	272
SPECIAL PROGRAMMES – MAXIMUM CHARGES ONLY								
Choir/ Band/Ensembles	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	80
Instrumental Music SIM	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	160
Instrumental Music SIM (bringing own instrument)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	400
PEAC	-	-	-	-			300	300
Sports Competition Participation	-	-	7	22	29	24	24	24
Mathematics Competitions	-	-	-	-	10	15	15	15

The above costs **are not connected** to the Voluntary Contribution (School or P&C Association).

Upfront Charges are payable for all students at the beginning of Term 1, 2017. Please refer to the Charges and Contributions page on the school web page for more information.

* Please note Year 6 SIMS students will need to purchase/hire their own instrument privately.

3. **PERSONAL USE (BOOKLIST) ITEMS** (Section 108)

The costs for these items will vary from student to student and from year to year. Also note that although some items such as calculators appear on lists each year but they will only need to be purchased once in primary school e.g. in Year 4. These items are available from the schools preferred supplier, Office Max; however, most items are available from any stationery supplier.

Kindergarten	\$19
Pre-Primary	\$ 98
Year One	\$183
Year Two	\$193
Year Three	\$174
Year Four	\$179
Year Five	\$157
Year Six	\$167

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