

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School Contributions and Charges 2020

The *School Education Act, 1999* contains a number of requirements relating to the manner in which contributions and charges are requested from parents. One major requirement is for schools to outline in advance, all contributions and charges that **may** be incurred by your children throughout the 2020 school year. The Tuart Rise Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2020 and for 2020 only.

The schedule is broken into three sections and will allow you to calculate all costs that **might** incur throughout the school year. Parents/Carers will be notified regarding charges for extra optional components such as excursions as they occur during the year.

Voluntary Contributions for 2020 can be paid by Cash or EFTPOS at the school office or via Direct Deposit. When making a direct deposit, please include your child's surname, first initial and reason for payment.

Our bank details are: BSB: 016 010 ACCOUNT No: 3928 54418

The contributions and charges can be broken into three 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 2020, the School Board has reviewed our school voluntary contributions. The total amount of contributions parents and carers are being asked to pay for in 2020 has been contained within 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. Workbooks have, for next year, been removed from the Personal Use Items List and will come from your voluntary contributions and school funds. It is therefore vital for the school to receive your family's contribution.

Kindergarten		Pre Primary - Year 6	
Library Resources	\$10	Library Resources	\$20
English Consumables	\$10	English Consumables	\$10
Maths Consumables	\$10	Maths Consumables	\$10
Art Resources	\$10	Art Resources	\$10
		Science Consumables	\$10
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	\$40	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	\$60

Payment options are available if you are unable to pay the whole amount in a lump sum.

The School Board would like to point out the contribution per child (\$60) equates to \$1.50 per week over the course of the year.

We also point out that all contributions are used for the direct benefit of the children. Our aim is to raise our community's contribution rate in 2020 for the benefit of all our children.

2. Charges for Extra Cost Optional Components

A breakdown of estimated charges for your child’s participation in incursions, excursions, activities etc. for 2020 has been included in the schedule below. Details on charges collected in previous years has informed our 2020 charges schedule. Students will only incur costs when they are involved in a particular activity. The amounts indicated on the schedule represent the expected maximum charged for scheduled activities in 2020. **You will be asked to make payment for each activity as it approaches.**

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 special activities.
- Specific learning activities available to **selected** students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. PEAC, School of Instrumental Music program, PE activities, Camp.
- Other activities available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. swimming lessons.

Description	K	P	1	2	3	4	5	6
Incursions	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Excursions	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Swimming Lessons		\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65
PE Activities (Interschool sports carnivals, clinics, sports options)			\$20	\$20	\$40	\$40	\$60	\$60
Camp								\$500
Music			\$10	\$10	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Special Day Extra Curricular Activities	\$20	\$20						
Graduation								\$40
School Photos	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Graduation Shirt								\$40
Musical Instrument Hire							\$130	\$130
PEAC							*	*
TOTALS	\$150	\$215	\$225	\$225	\$255	\$275	\$295	\$875

NB: a) * PEAC charges for Year 5 and 6 students in 2020, if selected, will be no more than \$300 for the year. (Cost depends on courses selected which range from \$15 to \$110). PEAC is not included in the totals.

b) Please note that not all children in the year level are involved in all the above activities, e.g. interschool sporting teams, music, PEAC etc.

c) Musical Instrument Hire – some costs may vary in 2020 depending on the brand of equipment and maintenance expenses. Instrument hire is not included in totals.

- *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 fundraising may be conducted by Year 5 & 6 classes to assist with costs associated with the Year 6 Camp and/or end of year activities.*

3. Items for Personal use in the Education 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, earphones etc.
- Items and activities for selected students that are not directly part of the educational program e.g. Musical instrument hire, school photos, discos.
- NB: 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. If you do wish to order through the school’s provider, please follow the directions on the Personal Items List when you receive this. Your child will need to have the listed materials each school day so it may be necessary to replace some items such as pens or pencils throughout the year.

Gary Crocetta
Principal
23 October 2019