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2021 Contributions and Charges Policy

Endorsed by the School Board on 2 November 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Support for the Voluntary Contributions and P&C Contributions in 2020 was approximately 65% overall. To enable easy payment, the school accepts cash, cheques and will continue to offer direct debit payment for Voluntary Contributions, In-term Swimming and Camps. The school is considering offering direct debit options for excursions in 2021. We will also be offering parents the opportunity to pay these Voluntary Contributions with their Booklist payments at Albany Office Products Depot. Please be assured we will support parents by offering a range of payment plans, if this will assist with family budgeting. These can be arranged with the Principal or Manager Corporate Services.

We hope you will continue to support our decisions and be prepared to make these important voluntary contributions and charges payments, as they will assist in the quality education we provide for your children.

Thank you for your continuing support in this matter.

The Albany Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2021. The schedule is broken into four sections and will allow families to calculate all costs relating to education that they may incur throughout the school year. This is a requirement of the School Education Act 1999 and will understandably be very useful in enabling families to budget for such an important area of their expenditure.

1. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The total amount of voluntary contributions parents and carers can be asked to pay has been contained within the $60 maximum per child set in the School Education Regulations 2000.

Description	**K**	**PP**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
Art	$10.00	$10.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
English	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
LOTE			$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
Maths	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
Phys Ed	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
Science	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00
HASS	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
Technologies	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00
Total School Requested Voluntary Contributions	**$50.00**	**$50.00**	**$50.00**	**$50.00**	**$50.00**	**$50.00**	**$50.00**	**$50.00**
P&C Voluntary Contributions (See Section 4)	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00
Total Parent Voluntary Contributions Requested for 2021	**$65.00**	**$65.00**	**$65.00**	**$65.00**	**$65.00**	**$65.00**	**$65.00**	**$65.00**

The costs outlined are for the whole school year and represents $1.25 per week.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the areas listed. The actual costs per child are shown in the table above. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be enhanced when each family makes a contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments.

2. CHARGES FOR EXTRA COST OPTIONS

A breakdown of estimated Extra Cost Optional courses for your child's participation in school visits, excursions, class activities etc for 2021 have been included in the schedule below. Students will only incur costs when they are involved in a particular activity.

The amounts represent the maximum charged for scheduled activities in 2021.

As in the past you will be asked to make payment for each activity as it approaches.

Year Description	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cooking		$25.00	$25.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00
Incursions	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00	$20.00
Excursions		$50.00	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00
Interm Swimming		$65.00	$65.00	$65.00	$65.00	$65.00	$65.00	$65.00
Sport - Athletics		$10.00	$10.00	$10.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00
Swimming Carnival					$40.00	$40.00	$40.00	$40.00
Instrumental Music				$160.00	$160.00	$160.00	$160.00	$160.00
Music Camp							150.00	150.00
PEAC							$250.00	$250.00
School Camps								$600.00
Graduation T'Shirts								$50.00
Graduation Lunch and final excursion								$65.00
Library Books: Replacements for lost or damaged books will be per item. Letters requesting payment will be sent from the school to the parents mailing address and payment can be made at the front office.								

The charges schedule includes costs associated with:

- Specific learning activities and available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made, ie school visits, excursions, classroom cooking etc.
- Specific learning activities available to selected students, but conditional upon a payment being made, ie Primary Extension and Academic Challenge (PEAC), School of Instrumental Music, Interschool Sport.
- Other activities are available to all students, but conditional upon a payment being made, ie classroom excursion, graduation costs, etc.

Please note: all schools, including ours, offer other services that incur costs but are not directly related to educational costs. These may be directly through the school or by way of the P&C and include school photos, Scholastic Book Fair, school uniforms, vacation swimming, charitable collections (Red Nose Day, Free Dress Days). These services are available to parents if they wish to make use of them. While it could be helpful to include them in calculating up-front costs, the actual costs vary and have not been estimated in our calculations.

3. ITEMS FOR PERSONAL USE IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

You will also receive a personal items list indicating what your child will need during the year. These can be purchased through any retailer although the school P&C Association is using Albany Office Products Depot as part of their fundraising efforts.

4. VOLUNTARY APPROVED FUNDS

Other voluntary funds at Albany Primary School include a P&C Voluntary Contribution currently set at $15 per child. In the 2020 school year the P&C Association assisted the school by financially supporting the eight learning areas with the provision of resources and equipment to assist the teaching programs and student wellbeing in all classes. So far this year the P&C have funded the Book Week Author visit by Dianne Wolfer, spare helmets for our Bike Ed lessons as well as supporting our PBS reward days and funding our End of Year Assembly Book Prizes.

Ms Cathy Willis
Principal