



Education Contribution for 2018

Explanation of Charges – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS - *Compulsory*

This compulsory contribution covers items, activities and services such as text books, Mathematics and Literacy materials, worksheets, apps, software, classroom supplies, Unit of Inquiry and Science consumables, and Performing and Visual Arts supplies.

Required for:

- ✓ Student learning of the standard curriculum and new inclusions such as the new coding curriculum.
- ✓ Digital learning via class laptops and iPads.

2. STATIONERY PACK - *Compulsory*

This compulsory contribution, based on a user pays principle (by year level), covers all anticipated stationery needs e.g. text books, pencils, textas, glue, workbooks and headphones (for digital learning), as well as digital learning subscriptions eg Mathletics and Literacy Planet.

Required for:

- ✓ Student learning of the standard curriculum.
- ✓ Digital learning via class laptops and iPads.

Purchasing from a single supplier in bulk keeps the cost competitive. A 'Stationery Pack' will be ordered for each child unless you advise us that you will be sourcing your own stationery (full list available upon request from the Office). To further minimise costs (and packaging waste!), BNPS manages the distribution of bulk items directly to the classroom. Every effort is made to keep the number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum, and items are chosen carefully so that many can be utilised the following school year and beyond.

3. KEY EXPERIENCES (formerly known as the 'Excursion Levy') - *Optional*

Optional experiences are offered in the form of whole-school and year level appropriate excursions, incursions, Interschool Sport (Years 5 & 6) and House Sport events (Years 3 – 6). Please note that a separate fee will apply for Prep – Year 6 Swimming and Year 4, 5 and 6 Camps.

Required for:

- ✓ Enhancing and/or complementing the learning outcomes of the standard curriculum.
- ✓ Supporting instruction in the standard curriculum program.
- ✓ Stimulating and motivating learning.

Experiences are offered on a user pays basis and for your convenience, payments can be made for the entire year OR five business days prior to each activity. Personalised Consent Forms will be sent home prior to each experience. A complete list of 2018 experiences has been included with the Education Contribution List for your information.

4. COMPUTERS, TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPORT CONTRIBUTION - *Voluntary*

This voluntary contribution goes towards the shortfall in the costs associated with purchasing and maintaining computers, digital technology and IT support.

Required for:

- ✓ Supporting digital learning above and beyond the standard ICT curriculum.
- ✓ Creating confident and highly skilled ICT users.
- ✓ The cyclic replacement of laptops and iPads (*every three years*).
- ✓ Increasing and maintaining student/device ratio (*currently 1:2.6*).
- ✓ Sustaining no 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) - *keeping the cost down for parents, and increasing student online safety and productivity as all devices are managed by the school.*
- ✓ Cybersafety.
- ✓ Interactive whiteboards maintenance and acquisition.
- ✓ The employment of two part-time ICT support staff to ensure all technology is well maintained and accessible for consistent student use.

5. FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION - *Voluntary*

This voluntary contribution supports the costs associated with providing an exceptional First Aid program for students and staff.

Required for:

- ✓ A full-time, qualified First Aid Officer.
- ✓ A fully equipped sick bay.
- ✓ First aid training for all staff.

6. SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION – *Voluntary*

This voluntary contribution enhances our specialist curriculum programs, extra-curricular activities and school services.

Required for:

- ✓ The provision of additional programs to benefit parents and students.
- ✓ The purchase of library books and resources.
- ✓ Regular and transparent communication and ongoing student feedback via Compass.
- ✓ The purchase of furniture and furnishings.

7. BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND - *Voluntary (fully tax deductible)*

This voluntary contribution is vital for the maintenance and enhancement of our grounds, buildings and facilities.

Required for:

- ✓ The installation of decking and covered walkways.
- ✓ Subsidising the cyclic replacement and maintenance of air conditioners and fans.
- ✓ Plumbing, electrical work and general repairs.
- ✓ Replacement of carpet, window coverings, painting and renovations etc.
- ✓ Equipment, materials and services for special projects as required.

Your contribution towards the facilities, supplies and services used by ALL students will play an integral role in the opportunities and outcomes for your child/ren.

We thank you in advance for your support.