Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please find enclosed, the Education Contribution (Fees) for the 2016 school year. We are delighted to advise that we have been able to maintain many of the contributions at the same level. School Council is aware of the ever increasing cost of education and has kept the 2016 Education Contribution to the minimum possible. Based on a user pays principle, identifiable costs have been applied to individual families according to Year Level.

There are three payment sections in the BNPS Education Contribution for 2016:

- Section A – Compulsory
- Section B – Voluntary
- Section C – Voluntary (fully tax deductible).

The Education Contribution provides the difference between income (by way of government grants) and the essential expenditure of the curriculum budgets, facility upgrades and maintenance.

In 2015, it cost BNPS $1,639,000 to deliver our extensive curriculum, programs, facilities and services. The Government provided $404,852 (to provide the standard curriculum), leaving a shortfall of $1,234,148.

**How 2015 Voluntary Education Contributions were used**

The Building Maintenance Fund makes an enormous difference to our school. In 2015 we spent over $160,000 on maintaining our grounds and buildings which included the installation of four new air-conditioners, carpeting the main building and fence repairs to name a few. Over $62,000 of this amount was funded by the Building Maintenance Fund, a large proportion of which was spent on grounds maintenance including tree risk assessments and solutions for the safety of our students.

In addition to the maintenance of computers, digital technology and IT support, the Computers, Technology and Support Contribution funded 90 additional student iPads, empowering us to keep abreast with technology teaching. The School Contribution enabled us to purchase new furniture and continue the delivery of our extra-curricular activities and comprehensive Specialist Programs (Physical Education, Art, Music, Japanese and Library). The First Aid Contribution assisted us to meet the daily requirements of our school community which are managed by our school First Aid Officer.

**How 2016 Voluntary Education Contributions will be used**

With your continued financial contributions, the following (in addition to the education, facilities and services that you have come to value and respect) will be achievable in 2016:

- The purchase of additional laptops and iPads to increase the student/device ratio.
- New servers to replace our outdated and faulty platform to accommodate current and future services, and to deploy new technologies to enable us to extend the life of our end-user devices.
- The rollout of the Compass portal for parents, staff and students.
- Cyclic replacement of assets as appropriate including old technology devices and air-conditioners.

Thank you in advance for your support – your Voluntary Contributions will play an integral role in future student opportunities and outcomes. If you would like to discuss the Education Contribution for 2016 in more detail, please contact the Office.

Yours sincerely

Sherril Duffy, **Principal**  
Andrew McClure, **School Council President**