

Voluntary Financial Contributions Information Sheet

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Operating Statement

1. The costs of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students at the school are met by the State Government for students enrolled at the school who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or the children of Australian citizens or permanent residents.
2. The school is resourced by the State Government through school appropriation funding to provide a core educational service.
3. Section 56 of the [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 \(Qld\)](#) allows that the principal may ask the parents of a student of the school to make a voluntary financial contribution to supplement government funding for instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school. If the student is an adult, the principal may ask the student to make a voluntary financial contribution.
4. Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to supplement resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.
5. A voluntary financial contribution is **not** a fee. Debt recovery action will **not** be undertaken by the school for non-payment of all or part of a request for a voluntary financial contribution.
6. A voluntary financial contribution is separate to a [Student Resource Scheme](#) that might operate in the school.
7. While the request to parents may indicate a nominated amount, the financial contribution to the school is voluntary, and there is no obligation on a parent to make all or part of the contribution.
8. To enable an informed decision to be made by the parent, the request for a voluntary contribution should indicate how the school will use the funds.
9. The school and parents share decision-making and responsibility for the operation of the voluntary financial contribution funds. The amount of the requested contribution and the operation of the voluntary contributions are endorsed annually by the Parents & Citizens' Association.
10. Voluntary financial contribution funds may be managed by the school or the Parents & Citizens' Association, but not by a third party.
11. Requests for voluntary financial contributions cannot deter a student from enrolling at the school, participating in extra-curricular activities or undertaking a particular subject.
12. Where a parent decides not to make a voluntary financial contribution, the school will continue to provide instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school, and the student will suffer no educational detriment by way of school action as a result of the decision.
13. For any payment by cash, cheque or credit/debit card, a receipt will be issued.

