



THE WILLOWS STATE SCHOOL

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VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

General Information:

- A voluntary financial contribution operates at The Willows State School. Parents/caregivers are strongly encouraged to participate as your contribution makes a direct difference in the resources available for your child/ren. It assists us to provide them with an **enhanced range of learning materials and equipment**.
- The purpose of the contribution is to enhance the level of resources available so that maximum student outcomes can be achieved, by providing Library and Reference Books, Home Reading Books, Art and Craft Materials, Sporting Equipment and Classroom Technologies.
- **All contributions to this scheme are gratefully received, and make a significant difference to the education opportunities of all students.**
- Payment does not cover items such as general stationery, admission to sporting venues, excursions and transport costs.
- The Willows State School has maintained the current contribution of \$40.00.

Specific Conditions:

- Parents who are experiencing financial difficulties may make a Payment Plan with the Business Manager to pay the contribution via regular instalments. All discussions will be held in confidence.

How can you pay your contribution?

Payment can be made at the office every day between 8:00am and 3:30pm, using cash, debit or credit cards. You may also pay your contribution by direct deposit into the school bank account.

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BSB: 064 823 Account: 1022 1460

Reference: (Student's surname and Roll Class) eg. Brown 2BOU

Important: If you use the direct deposit option, please ensure you USE A CLEAR REFERENCE. We will be unable to receipt your account if we don't know who the deposit belongs to.

For more information, see the Voluntary Financial Contributions Information Sheet over the page.



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Voluntary Financial Contributions Information Sheet

Each state school is resourced by the State Government through appropriation funding to provide a core educational service to students. Schools use voluntary financial contributions to provide an enhanced educational service and to supplement resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.

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.

