

PARENT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

POLICY BRUNSWICK EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rationale

The quality and variety of educational and wellbeing programs offered by our school are enhanced if government funds are supplemented by parent payments and voluntary contributions.

Aims

To increase available monetary resources to further enhance learning and wellbeing opportunities that cater for the needs of all students.

Implementation

- There are three Parent Payment categories that School Councils can request payments from parents. These include: Essential Education Items, Optional Extras and Voluntary Financial Contributions. Information relating to these categories can be found at the following website <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/parentpayments.aspx>
- Consistent with Department of Education and early Childhood Development (DEECD), our School Council supplements DEECD funds by seeking voluntary financial contributions from parents and guardians <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/parentpayments.aspx>
- School Council will make clear distinctions between voluntary contributions and those materials and services which parents are required to pay, so that parents are not confused regarding the voluntary nature of the contributions.
- School Council requests for voluntary contributions will be kept to a reasonable level and within expectations of the school community.
- School Council will request voluntary financial contributions in February/March of each year and a reminder will be sent to parents in June of the same year if contributions have not been forthcoming. No other reminders or contact will be made with parents regarding voluntary contributions. Voluntary payments made to the Building or Library Trust funds are tax deductible.
- When reminders are sent out to parents, information promoting the value of the voluntary payments will be attached.
- Unpaid voluntary contributions do not constitute outstanding debts. No debt collectors of any type will be used to obtain funds from parents or students.
- Voluntary contributions are not compulsory. All students at Brunswick East Primary School are treated equally regardless of voluntary contributions made and students and families who have not made voluntary payments will not be identified publicly.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council on

24.6.14

This Policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Hire/Lease of Facilities Policy
- Fundraising Policy
- Parent Payment Policy