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Dear Parent / Carers

You should have received the stationery and textbook requirements for the 2017 school year home by now. If you did not receive a copy you can download a copy from the school website or collect a copy from the school office.

For 2017 all text books will be available for purchase from the school office after 17/1/2017 and book listed stationery items may be purchased from Nextra News Albany Creek through P&C Flexi Schools online ordering system or your preferred supplier.

Please be reminded that all requirements on the list are needed for the first day of the 2017 school year.

School Contribution: (Please refer to the Voluntary Financial Contribution Information Sheet over) Whilst Education Queensland funds our school to provide instruction and core educational service to students, we rely on families to make an annual contribution to assist us in providing an enhanced level of resources for our school programs.

For 2017 we are asking parents to contribute:

Prep Students: \$75
Years 1-7 Students: \$40

Your contributions will provide additional support in the following areas:

- Provision for support resources and consumables in all Key Learning Areas
- Enhancement of classroom resources
- Pat-R and Pat-M Assessment Program
- Reading Eggs/Reading Express Online Home and School Subscription for Yrs P-7
- Mathletics Online Home and School Subscription for Yrs P-7
- Sunshine Online digital reading texts for Yrs P-7

P&C Contribution

In addition to the school contribution our P&C Association will be asking for a contribution to support the P&C with running costs and insurances, which enable them to fundraise to help support the school. This amount for 2017 has been set at \$30

School Chaplaincy Contribution

Over the years we have seen our Chaplains run many programs to help enhance student and staff well-being here at Sandgate. To help fund the shortfall in Federal Government funding of School Chaplaincy Programs we will also be asking our families for a Chaplaincy Contribution in 2017. For 2017 the amount has been set at \$20.

Contribution payments (Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS) will be accepted at the school office from Tuesday 17th January, 2017

Your support is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mr Warren Beetson
Principal



Voluntary Financial Contribution Information Sheet

Each State school is resourced by the State Government through appropriation funding to provide a core educational service to students. Voluntary financial contributions are used by schools to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance 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* provides 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 enhance 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 from 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 funds will be used by the school.
9. The school and the 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 by the Parents and Citizens' Association annually.
10. The voluntary financial contribution funds may be managed by the school or the Parents and Citizens' Association, but not by a third party.
11. The voluntary financial contribution is not to be a deterrent for a student 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, instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school will continue to be provided by 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.