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Dear Parents and Guardians

2019 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

Financial support provided by parents has always played a significant role in enhancing Government schools' capacity to add value to students' learning experiences. The Government funds schools to offer basic courses however extra resources are always needed to enhance the learning experiences for students. We need all parents to contribute their share so that students can enjoy their classes and benefit from a wider range of learning opportunities. The continuing partnership between schools and parents is vital to ensure that all students receive a level of education sufficient to carry them forward in today's society.

The document accompanying this letter sets out the structure of the Voluntary Contributions for Yanchep Lagoon Primary School for 2019 - for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 is \$60 – *that is only \$1.50 per week*. There is also an additional Voluntary Approved Request for \$5.00 for the Library as it is important to keep the Library well stocked with reading books for the children.

Payment for Voluntary Contributions can be made at the front office at any time during school hours either in person using cash, cheque or EFTPOS or by:

- phone using a credit card
- internet direct deposit
- instalment contract

Workbooks: In accordance with Department of Education policies, students are required to purchase several Workbooks to be used in class in 2019. These Workbooks have been listed on the Stationery Requirement Lists that have been distributed. All of these Workbooks are available for purchase from the front office. The cost for students in Pre-Primary and Year 1 is \$42, Years 2 to 6 is \$69.

Raffle—Voluntary Contributions & Charges: All families who have paid Voluntary Contributions and Charges by the end of Term 1 will go into a Raffle Draw to win vouchers towards school camps and excursions.

In recent years our collection rate for Voluntary Contributions and Charges has been around 30%, which is quite low. In 2019 we would like to achieve as close as possible to 100%. The reality is that if Contributions and Charges are not paid it directly impacts upon the depth and breadth of resources available for student courses. Your support in ensuring that all students can enjoy the variety and depth in programs at Yanchep Lagoon Primary School is vital.

Once again please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have further enquiries or should you need to discuss a payment plan with Christine Ross (Manager Corporate Services). The ongoing co-operative approach between schools and parents is vitally important to ensure the best possible outcomes for students.



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Principal

YANCHEP LAGOON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Charges For Optional Activities Throughout The Year: Charges apply for the provision of extra cost optional activities that are part of an education program and which voluntary contributions do not cover. All activities outlined below are optional and if no payment is received, an alternative educational activity will be provided for your child. All 2019 extra-costs optional activities have been approved by the School Council. The estimated costs provided are at an upper limit and will not exceed this amount. If a particular event does not transpire within the school year, no charges for that event will apply.

<i>Payment of the following Charges is not required at the time of finalising payment of Voluntary Contributions. Where staff arrange extra cost optional activities, payment will be requested immediately prior to it happening</i>	Max. Cost Per Student
Cultural Activities: Various Cultural Activities are subsidised by the school throughout the year. There can be 4-5 Cultural Activities each year.	\$40.00
Excursions/Incursions: The School Council recognises the value of excursions for students and seeks to support teachers who co-ordinate them as part of teaching programs. Up to two excursions per term per year group may occur. In the event of non-attendance for an excursion, the cost of the bus is non-refundable.	\$80.00
In-term Swimming Lessons: Years 1-6 students will participate in Interm Swimming Lessons (10 days). Lessons are free, but students pay for the cost of transport. In the event of non-attendance the cost of the bus is non-refundable.	\$30.00
School Photos: The school uses a pre-paid system through Fotoworks. Parents have a choice of packages.	\$80.00
Inter-School Competitions: Some students may be given the opportunity to participate in interschool competitions including swimming, athletics, cross-country running, etc. A \$5.00 contribution will be requested to help cover travel and event costs for each competition. (Note: students must be in good standing to attend)	\$40.00
In School Activities: During the year students may take part in activities, e.g. model making, which develops skills across the curriculum. Charges of \$20 per year will allow for a maximum of \$2.00 per activity.	\$20.00
Life Skills: A small amount of students may be selected for Life Skills activities for the whole year. They may travel to Two Rocks, Clarkson, Butler and Joondalup by public transport, and purchase items at a shop.	\$20.00
Graduation: Year 6 students graduate to Year 7. A casual end of year function is held, such as BBQ, dinner, Ern Halliday, The MAZE or visit to the movies. .	\$80.00
Mega Reward: Students without suspensions have the opportunity to attend special events each term.	\$20.00
PEAC: (Primary Extension And Challenge program) – Years 1-3 \$10; Year 5 \$80-\$260 ; Year 6 \$30-\$300	\$10-\$300
Year 6 Camp: Year 6 students may have the opportunity to attend a camp over several days.	\$300

DEFINITIONS:

Voluntary Contributions: In accordance with the Department of Education Voluntary Contributions and Charges Policy 2010, schools can request up to a maximum Voluntary contribution of \$60 for children in Years 1-6. The School Council has set this figure at \$60 for 2019. A Contribution is Voluntary and the funds are used towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by students in the educational program, and to enable students to achieve the relevant learning outcomes for each area. Contributions collected at this school contribute to: Photocopying for class work; Classroom resources such as computer equipment, paper, files, reading books; Physical Education, Art, Technology and Enterprise Consumables

Charges – Collected throughout the year: See above

Voluntary Additional Requests: The School Council has approved the voluntary Library Fund of \$5.00 per child. Payment should be made along with the voluntary contributions

Personal Items: These items have been approved by the School Council as being required by students for personal use in the educational programs provided by this school. Items can be purchased from a supplier of your own choice or through the school bulk order with Campion.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Payments can be made with Cash, EFTPOS (Cheque or Savings Accounts); Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard); via internet funds transfer. Alternatively parents may consider a Progressive Payment Option where Contributions, Charges and Additional Requests can be paid in instalments. Regular WEEKLY or FORTNIGHTLY instalments must be made VIA AUTOMATIC DIRECT DEBIT to the school's bank account.

REFUND OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES: Where students transfer to another school in Western Australia, any unused portion of the Voluntary Contributions that parents have paid for their children can be transferred to the new school. Parents or the new school can request a transfer of the Voluntary Contributions. These refunds will be based on a rate as recommended by the Department of Education, and approved by the School Council.



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