

2019 School Fees

Thursday 8 November 2018



Fairfield
Primary School

School Council Update

Funding of School Nurse Program

At its meeting of 29 October 2018, School Council passed a motion to use fundraising monies to fully fund the cost of the school nurse program for 2019 – \$20,000. This decision was taken in response to a disappointingly low payment rate (63%) of the voluntary school nurse fund in 2018.

While the employment of a school nurse is optional, (and is not funded by the Department of Education) and some schools do not have one, the provision of professional medical care and comfort to our children strongly reflects the values of the FPS community. School Council endorses the school's decision to employ a nurse five days a week as we benefit from their skills and expertise on a daily basis.

The use of fundraising monies for this purpose is, at this stage, for 2019 only and will be reviewed at the end of that year. This will allow the community time to reflect on how we fund our school nurse – whether it be through fundraising monies or voluntary contributions.

2019 School Fees—Essential & Voluntary Fees

School Council approved the 2019 fees and voluntary contributions, which will remain the same as this year.

Schools' funding models are based upon the school's demographic, in particular parent occupations. Due to the makeup of our parent community, we receive only \$6,000 of equity funding per year, substantially less than many other schools. Consequently, we rely heavily upon parent fees and donations to provide excellent learning opportunities and a first class learning environment.

Details of when 2019 fees are available to pay will be made early next year.

We also request any families who have yet to pay their 2018 fees to do so at their earliest convenience.

Further details can be found at our recently reviewed [Parent Payment Policy](#).

~ Alexa Every, School Council President

** See the table on the following page for the breakdown of 2019 School Fees.*

2019 SCHOOL FEES		AMOUNT
ESSENTIAL FEES	<p>Essential Education Items – per student</p> <p>These funds are used to purchase everyday essential items including stationery, workbooks, photocopying, paper, etc.</p>	\$300
	<p>Excursion Levy – per student</p> <p>Covers the costs of excursions and incursions</p> <p>These funds pay for students to attend incursions and excursions, which occur all year round.</p>	\$200
	<p>Sports Levy – Year 5 and Year 6 students only</p> <p>These fees enable Year 5 students to take part in alternative sports such as fencing and wheelchair basketball, and it covers all associated costs for interschool sport for our Year 6 students.</p>	\$80
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS	<p>Voluntary Contributions – Curriculum</p> <p>These donations support the additional resourcing of curriculum areas including Mathematics, Literacy, specialist programs and digital technologies.</p> <p><i>Suggested amount: \$100 for first student; \$50 per sibling</i></p>	\$100
	<p>Voluntary Contributions – Building Fund</p> <p>These donations support improving the buildings and grounds of the school. The Building and Grounds Committee are busily exploring 2019 projects.</p> <p><i>Suggested amount: \$200 per family</i></p> <p><i>This a tax deductible donation</i></p>	\$200
	<p>Voluntary Contributions – Library Fund</p> <p>These donations are used to purchase books for the library and classrooms.</p> <p><i>Suggested amount: \$200 per family</i></p> <p><i>This a tax deductible donation</i></p>	\$200