



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FEES & LEVIES – 2008

ESSENTIAL FEES & LEVIES

This levy applies to all students at all grade levels.

Parents who are eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) may pledge their EMA amount to offset all or part of this levy.

These fees contribute to a wide range of school initiatives including Art & Craft, Science, Computers, Music, Library, LOTE, PE, class budgets, including classroom materials, Literacy and student photocopying, printing and internet.

The School has recently introduced EFTPOS as a response to parent requests.

EXCURSIONS & INCURSIONS

An Excursion Levy of \$80 per child (Grades 5 & 6); \$70 per child (Grades 3 & 4); \$60 per child (Grades 1 & 2); and \$50 (Prep), applies to all students.

This levy is non-refundable as activities are planned on full attendance. The sum is based on the average cost of excursions / incursions over the last few years.

This Levy meets all costs of the year. Payment of this as a lump sum significantly reduces teacher and office workload and reduces parent stress in finding exact amounts for these activities. Where it is difficult for parents to pay the full amount immediately, Term payments can be made.

Payment for individual excursions / incursions will in general, not be available.

This Levy **does not** include Instrumental Music Fees, Camps, Whole School Swimming program (Prep-6), Grade 5 & 6 AVDSSA Sports or Extension Programs.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS LEVY (For Grades 5 & 6 students)

This levy covers the affiliation to the District Sports Association plus the cost of buses during Terms 1 & 4 to transport children to and from matches.

This levy does not cover cost of transport to the Athletics, Swimming or Cross Country Carnivals.

This levy does not include the swimming program.

GROUNDS LEVY

The school is asking every family to participate in one Working Bee for the year. This will mean attendance at the school one Saturday or Sunday morning. However, there is an escape clause! Parents may opt to pay \$30 towards ground maintenance work. Please cross off the \$30.00 if you plan attending a working bee during the year.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO TAX DEDUCTIBLE FUNDS

The school has for many years held Australian Taxation Department approval for tax deductible Library and Building funds. Contribution to either fund is fully tax deductible and, for many families on or near the top marginal tax rate, this is a very effective way of assisting the school. School Council is currently investigating the funding of a school hall and all contributions to the Building Fund will go directly towards this goal.