

NOOSAVILLE

STATE SCHOOL

P&C



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P&C Voluntary

Financial Contribution 2016

Each year the P&C raises money to provide additional resourcing to the school above the basic funding provided by the State Government. This funding is used to enhance the educational outcomes of our children through the provision of additional resources, services and facility enhancements.

Much of the money raised by the P&C is through community events such as Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, fun runs and discos. These activities are well supported by the community but require the significant efforts of volunteers to make them happen, so only a limited number of events can be run each year. The tuckshop and uniform shop are run by the P&C to provide a service to the school, but are run as non-profit operations in order to keep prices at an affordable level for the whole community.

Another way the P&C raises money is through the annual Voluntary Financial Contribution (VFC). New parents may not be familiar with this and perhaps even longstanding families may not understand what this fund is and where the money goes. The Department of Education and Training information sheet on VFCs is included overleaf and the following Q&A's may assist in your decision making.

What is the Voluntary Contribution?

One payment per year of \$30 per child or \$60 per family (more than one child at the school).

Who decides how it is spent?

The P&C in consultation with the school community via regular P&C meetings which are open to all.

How has it been spent in previous years?

Classroom air conditioning, refrigerators in all classrooms, iPads and laptops for all classes, school WiFi, playground equipment, art supplies and repainting school public areas with a vibrant new colour scheme.

How will it be spent this year?

This year the VFC will go towards funding teacher 'wish lists' for additional classroom resources as well as equipment and resources to provided extracurricular activities during lunch times. The VFC will also go towards funding of future major projects such as playground refurbishments and a community café/hub and outdoor teaching area in front of the tuckshop. These major projects are still to be decided so we encouraged everyone to have a say through the monthly P&C meetings and upcoming survey.

How can you pay it?

1. Place the contribution into a clearly marked envelope and hand it directly to the office.

2. Pay via direct deposit into the school account:

BSB: 064-439

Account: 10036283

If paying with direct debit please add, your child's name and VFC (e.g. Smith – VFC) in the reference

3. Cheque payable to Noosaville State School

Noosaville State School P&C President

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 grants 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.