



Camp Hill

State Infants & Primary School

Independent Public School

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Together We Achieve

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Dear School Families

Re: **Voluntary Financial Contribution (VFC)**

Welcome to the 2021 school year.

At Camp Hill State Infants and Primary School (CHSIPS) we aim to provide a quality and highly engaging education for all children. The Department of Education pays the cost of providing core instruction, administration and facilities for students.

The Principal may request the parent of a student to consider making a voluntary financial contribution to enhance both the educational service and resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.

Our Parents and Citizens Association endorse our Voluntary Financial Contribution (VFC) annually.

The purpose of the VFC is to provide parents with the opportunity to support our school in providing additional enrichment programs and facilities on campus. The program in 2021 will support a range of programs that include:

- **Classroom of the Future program.** This program focuses on creating adaptable learning spaces that more effectively support and encourage learning for all children across all year levels. Currently the school has updated several classrooms with specific furniture and classroom equipment – the program aims to renew every classroom at Camp Hill. The feedback from staff and students who have accessed the renewed classrooms has been exceptional.
- **Information Communication Technology** is pivotal to the learning opportunities for our students. Technological awareness, opportunities to develop skills and knowledge as well as gaining an understanding of the impact of ICT on their educational and personal lives is critical for our students. Camp Hill aims to provide all students with learning opportunities delivered by informed staff, using the most current technological devices.
In 2021 the school will also provide information awareness programs on **cyberbullying** and cyber-safety – delivered by recognised experts in the field.
- **Differentiation of learning** is essential in all teaching programs. At Camp Hill we have a range of innovative and engaging strategies and support equipment to cater for the identified individual learning needs of our students. This can include (but is not limited to): voice activated iPads; apps to scaffold learning; additional 1:1 support for students across all year levels and in a range of learning areas; homework/project additional support and support in identified aspects such as

personal organisation. All of these are additional to core school operations, enriching the learning opportunities for Camp Hill students.

- **Facility upgrades** are provided by Education Queensland to all schools, and at Camp Hill we have identified opportunities to enhance our facilities to enrich the learning and recreation of our students. With over 7 hectares of land we are very fortunate to have unique opportunities potentially available to us. In 2021 the school goal is to continue to create outdoor learning areas; upgrade our play equipment and increase shade spaces. The school would also like to develop an outdoor amphitheatre on the Wiles Street oval for outdoor programs.

I have attached a flyer from DET that provides additional information on the voluntary financial contribution program. Please take the time to read this detailed explanation.

In 2021 the school has Camp Hill P&C approval to seek a recommended voluntary financial contribution of:

- **\$60 per student or \$100 per family**

We have agreed to maintain this recommended level of contributions, while we are very aware that they are extremely low in comparison to other local state schools.

Payments can be made electronically via BPOINT, direct debit or deposited directly at a Commonwealth Bank.

Payment details:

Bank Commonwealth Bank Carindale

BSB 064-104

Account – 0009 0109

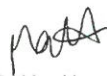
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Please support us to continue with our exciting and innovative educational programs so that we can offer EVERY Camp Hill student a rich learning program.

Kind regards



Deborah Driver
Principal



Dr Matt Young
School Council Chair



Nicole Carey
President P&C

Voluntary Financial Contributions Information Sheet

Each state school is resourced by the State Government through appropriation funding to provide a core educational service to students. Schools use voluntary financial contributions to provide an enhanced educational service and to supplement 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 (Qld)* allows 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 supplement 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 to 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 school will use the funds.
9. The school and 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 annually by the Parents & Citizens' Association.
10. Voluntary financial contribution funds may be managed by the school or the Parents & Citizens' Association, but not by a third party.
11. Requests for voluntary financial contributions cannot deter a student from 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, the school will continue to provide instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at 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.

