

## School Budget and Voluntary School Contributions 2019

Dear Parents,

Normanhurst West Public School is committed to excellence in education. Unfortunately, excellence comes at a cost. Each year the Department of Education allocates a global amount of money to every school. As a single figure this may look impressive however this amount is used to pay for all operating costs except permanent teacher salaries.

Included in the figures above are:

**Tied Grants** – These grants are targeted at special education programs such as computers / technology, student assistance, integration and special education. Also focus areas such as Child Protection. They can only be spent on that program, or area.

**Asset Replacement & Depreciation** – Every school needs to set aside some funds to replace worn out equipment, to save for expensive items and for emergency circumstances. This is an audit requirement.

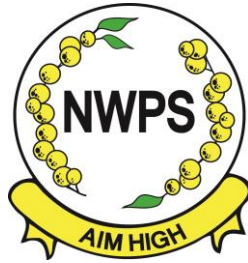
**Casual Teachers & Sick Leave** – Within our Global amount funds must be budgeted to cover the short - term absences of teachers. This also includes extended leave - as in Long Service Leave.

**Recurring Expenditure** – Even though we are fortunate to have a strong and very active grounds committee the maintenance of the school grounds and buildings is very expensive. The school must pay the first \$1000.00 of any job.

More budget information can be found in the Annual School Report, when it is released in May.

### **Voluntary School Contributions**

Last year we had 95 % of our school community pay their contributions. Our students are hoping for a higher response this year. I say our students because this money is not kept for any long - term project; it is fully expended on improving student learning outcomes during 2019. The voluntary contribution schedule has been reviewed in accordance with the Department of Education guidelines as follows:



The Voluntary Contributions for 2019 are:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> child</b>	<b>\$93.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> child</b>	<b>\$76.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> child</b>	<b>\$60.00 *</b>

**\* All subsequent children.**

Each student has been invoiced for Voluntary Contribution on the Term 1 Statement.

### Textbooks

Each student will be invoiced for textbooks this term. All students were supplied with their textbooks from the beginning of the year. A very large part of the budget is used to purchase the textbooks so prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. If the purchasing of the textbooks is causing concern, the school has **Student Assistance Funds**. This money is given by the government to support education in school. Please make an appointment with me to discuss the matter. It is always kept in the strictest confidence.

Yours faithfully,

*Mr Paul McSweeney*

Principal