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2025 Contributions and Charges Policy

Endorsed by the School Board on 28 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Support for the Voluntary Contributions and P&C Contributions in 2024 was approximately 74% overall. To enable easy payment, the school accepts cash, cheques, eftpos and direct deposit payments. We will again be offering parents the opportunity to pay Voluntary Contributions with their Booklist payments at Office National Albany. Please be assured we will support parents by offering a range of payment plans, if this will assist with family budgeting. These can be arranged with the Principal or Manager Corporate Services.

We hope you will continue to support our decisions and be prepared to make these important voluntary contributions and charges payments, as they will assist in the quality education we provide for your children.

Thank you for your continuing support in this matter.

The Albany Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2025. The schedule is broken into four sections and will allow families to calculate all costs relating to education that they may incur throughout the school year. This is a requirement of the School Education Act 1999 and will understandably be very useful in enabling families to budget for such an important area of their expenditure.

1. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The total amount of voluntary contributions parents and carers can be asked to pay has been contained within the \$60 maximum per child set in the School Education Regulations 2000.

Description	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
Art	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
English	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
LOTE			\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Maths	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Phys Ed	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Science	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
HASS	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Technologies	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Total School Requested								
Voluntary Contributions	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
P&C Donation	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
(See Section 4)	ψ13.00							
Total Parent								
Voluntary Contributions	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Requested for 2025	Ψ00.00		Ψ00.00	ψ00.00		Ψ00.00	Ψ00.00	Ψ00.00

The costs outlined are for the whole school year and represents \$1.25 per week.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the areas listed. The actual costs per child are shown in the table above. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be enhanced when each family makes a contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments.

Your Voluntary Contributions can be paid with your personal items list at Office National Albany or via direct deposit to our bank account as follows:

Albany Primary School

BSB: 066 040

Account No: 1990 8091

2. CHARGES FOR POSSIBLE EXTRA COST OPTIONS

A breakdown of estimated possible Extra Cost Optional activities for your child's participation in school visits, excursions, class activities etc for 2025 have been included in the schedule below. Students will only incur costs when they are involved in a particular activity.

The amounts represent the approximate maximum charged for scheduled activities in 2025.

As in the past you will be asked to make payment for each activity as it approaches.

Year								
Description	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cooking		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Incursions	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Excursions		\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Interm Swimming		\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Sport - Athletics		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Swimming Carnival					\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Instrumental Music (inc instrument hire and amenities fee)					\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Music Camp							\$300.00	\$300.00
PEAC							\$300.00	\$300.00
Lego League Competition							\$70.00	\$70.00
School Camps								\$700.00
Graduation T-shirt (per shirt)								\$60.00
Graduation Lunch and final excursion								\$100.00

Library Books: Replacements for lost or damaged books will be per item. Letters requesting payment will be sent from the school to the parents mailing address and payment can be made at the front office.

The extra cost options schedule includes costs associated with:

- > Specific activities available to students, but conditional on a payment being made.
- > Specific learning activities available to selected students, conditional upon a payment being made, e.g., Primary Extension and Academic Challenge (PEAC), School of Instrumental Music, Interschool Sport.

Please note: All schools, including ours, offer other services that incur costs but are not directly related to educational costs. These may be directly through the school or by way of the P&C. For example, school photos, Book Fairs, school uniforms, charitable collections (Red Nose Day, Free Dress Days). These costs are not included in the above possible extra cost options table.

3. ITEMS FOR PERSONAL USE IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

You will also receive a personal items list indicating what your child will need during the year. These can be purchased through any retailer although the school supports Office National Albany (formerly Albany Office Products Depot) as our preferred local supplier.

4. VOLUNTARY APPROVED REQUESTS

Other voluntary approved requests at Albany Primary School include a P&C Donation currently set at \$15 per child. In the 2024 school year the P&C Association assisted the school by financially supporting the refurbishment of our junior playground, new Your Move shirts for the student team, synthetic turf for the Year 6 soccer goal, resources for Early Years classrooms, a SciTech incursion, upgrade to playground, a parent and teacher session about nature play and development of the nature play areas.

Ms Cathy Willis Principal

7 November 2024