

# FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Voluntary Financial Contributions Policy

### **Purpose:**

- The quality and variety of educational programs offered by our school are enhanced if Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) funds are supplemented by voluntary contributions.

### **Aims:**

- To provide high quality learning opportunities that cater for the needs of all students.

### **Implementation:**

- School Council supplements DET funds by seeking voluntary contributions from parents and carers concurrently with the curriculum funding requests.
- Voluntary contributions are not compulsory, and students whose parents have not paid voluntary contributions will not be treated differently from those who have.
- School Council will make clear distinctions, as in line with departmental policy, between voluntary contributions and those materials and services which parents are required to pay, so that parents are not confused regarding the voluntary nature of the contributions.
- The public identification of students or their parents where voluntary contributions have or have not been paid will not occur.
- School Council requests for voluntary contributions will be kept to a reasonable level and within expectations of the school community.
- School Council will provide all parents with information detailing the purposes for which voluntary contributions are being collected.
- As with all parent payments to the school, School Council will provide opportunities for all parents experiencing financial difficulties to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the Principal when making voluntary contributions.
- Unpaid Voluntary Contributions do not constitute outstanding debts.

*This Policy was ratified by School Council in October 2015*