



Voluntary Contributions and Extra Cost Optional Component 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Education Act 1999 requires schools to notify parents of the schedule of Voluntary Contributions and Extra Cost Optional Component for 2025. The Winthrop Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2025. The Schedule covers four sections and will allow you to calculate all costs for 2025.

1. Voluntary Contributions: (Section 99)

- ★ The total amount of contributions parents and carers are being asked to pay has been contained within the \$60.00 maximum set in the School Education Regulations 2000.
- ★ Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the purchase of resources needed in the provision of the learning program activities, examples are set out below:

Photocopying	English resources
Physical Education Equipment	Science resources and consumables
Music Resources	Mathematics resources
Library Books	Information and Communication
Art/Craft resources and consumables	Technology hardware and software

These contributions are voluntary; however, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be enhanced when every family contributes to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources including the State and Federal Governments.

The amounts for this voluntary contribution are as under:

Kindergarten to Year 6 \$60.00 per child

Payments can be made in February 2025 at the front office via Cash, EFTPOS or QKR

1. Extra cost optional components (Sec 100, Education Act 1999)

Voluntary courses and activities where the parent or student make an election to participate. These include but are not limited to:

- Optional courses in Years Kindergarten to 6 which have an excessive cost associated with their provision (for example outdoor education, specialised design and technology courses)
- Optional activities in any course for which there is an excessive cost associated with their provision (for example, excursions [including camps], visiting performers or displays).
- Other optional school-based activities which address broad learning outcomes and for which there is an excessive cost (for example school social events, such as graduation dinners or school balls, or excursions such as end-of-term picnics, movies, or skating). List is indicative only.
- Participation in these components is voluntary, but a charge is payable if the student opts to participate.
- Parents will be required to pay as and when any activity is planned and intimated to them.
- Cash, EFTPOS or QKR can make payments at the front office.

2. Refund Policy for Excursions, Incursions and Camps

If the student does not attend the excursion, incursion or camp, the payments made by the school that are not refundable by the suppliers, will not be subject to a refund. However, charges paid by student and refundable to school by vendor may be refunded on case-to-case basis.

