Dear Parent,

The attached pages provide you with details and guidance on the management of our ‘School Charges and Booklist’ program for 2013. The ‘Charges and Book List’ program has undergone its annual review with School Council in preparation for the coming year. There are always changes from year to year.

The Government provides parents and schools with particular funding that is to be used in specific areas to meet the educational needs of children. Should there be particular issues that you wish to discuss in relation to this program, you are encouraged to contact me for an appointment.

Jason Lee
Principal

PART 1: School Requisites

As directed by the government, ‘the parents can reasonably be expected to meet the costs of these requisites.’

Careful consideration has been given to the overall booklist and associated costs per student. Costs have been kept to a minimum and can be found on the attached School Requisites Form.

PART 2: School Charges

School Council has decided to differentiate the costs associated with the Excursion Levy. One charge will relate to performances and the other sports events (see below).

A. Arts & Cultural performances
This is a compulsory charge.

$20.00

B. Sports Events Charge (Prep to 6)
This is a compulsory charge. To minimise the number of monetary requests for sporting trips and events throughout the year parents have the opportunity to pay an amount of $60 up front to cover these. Most students will need to spend this entire amount on our compulsory core events; swimming and the gymnastics program. Some students will elect to participate in other activities which have a cost. They will then pay for these as required.

$60.00

C. Curriculum Charge (previously referred to as Art/Technology)
This is a compulsory charge. The school receives some funding directly from the government for curriculum program support. However not all needs are addressed and schools are permitted to apply charges to cover costs for materials such as those listed below.

- General classroom needs: Class texts, School Magazines.
- Stationery not covered within the Booklist
- ICT/Computer program and printing costs
- Costs for Specialist Programs materials & equipment (Visual Arts, Performing Arts)

$20.00
D. School Camp & Major Excursions
The next School Camp will be held in 2013.
Because of the challenges with planning, organisation and the related costing process, costs associated with school camps and major excursions are not included.
Information specific to each camp/excursion will be communicated to you as planning is undertaken during the year.

Students involved in sporting teams or other specific extra curricula activities (eg. Regional Sports) will be charged separately for such programs.

E. Netbook Program
In 2013 the current arrangements for our 1 to 1 Netbook program will be gradually phased out. From 2013 students in grade 6 will still have the option of taking the netbook home. Grade 5 students will have 1 to 1 netbook access in the classroom.
The leasing program for the grade 6 students will be exactly the same as in 2012. The school will meet 2/3 of the costs and parents 1/3 on the 2nd year of the 2 year lease agreement.
For parents of year 6 students this will mean a fee of $100 and this has not been included in the overall charges.
The lease cost should also be viewed in the context of the child having access to their own computer at a charge of less than $2 per week.
For parents of year 5 students there will be no charge for the use of the netbook. However if the netbook is damaged in a way which is found to wilful or careless a repair cost will be expected.
Families will be provided with comprehensive documentation detailing the lease arrangements (Grade 6) and user agreements (Grade 5&6) at the beginning of the 2013 school year.

Note:
- A summary of costs in relation to the School Charges is included.
- Please complete all details on the page provided for each of your children.
- The School Requisite form must be returned to school between Wednesday January 30th and Friday February 1st 2013.
- If any aspect of this program presents a financial hardship for any family, confidential arrangements may be made with the Principal to address these concerns.

PAYMENTS OF SCHOOL CHARGES
Payment arrangement can be made in 2013 as indicated below.

Wednesday January 23rd Student Charges can be paid and/or E.M.A. forms can be completed (please note you will need your Health Care Card to complete this process).
Thursday January 24th Student Charges can be paid and/or E.M.A. forms can be completed (please note you will need your Health Care Card to complete this process).

Full or part payments need to be made by Friday March 1st. (If you elect to pay your student charges in two instalments final payment will be required by Friday August 30th - this will coincide with the 2nd E.M.A. payment).

- Parents in possession of a current Health Care Card and eligible for the EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) may use this funding against the Booklist cost. Cards must be presented on the day of collection. EMA application forms can also be filled out at this time.

Please ensure you contact Jason Lee if you require clarification or wish to discuss any aspect of this dimension of our school program.