

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Families

Voluntary Contributions form an integral part of the annual school budget used to resource educational programs for children. While voluntary contributions are optional, we strongly encourage parents to pay the full amount, or any amount that they can comfortably afford to assist the school. At Isabella Plains Early Childhood School, families also have the option of paying into a tax-deductible Library Fund.

Why does the School Board request Voluntary Contributions?

Each school is given an allocation of money from the Government linked to enrolment numbers. This money is carefully budgeted by the School Board to pay the costs of running the school such as the cleaning contract, electricity, water, sewerage, and maintenance, resources for all classes, photocopying, postage and all operating costs. While funding is adequate for the school's needs, there are always other things that are needed to enhance the learning programs. From time to time there are also unexpected expenses that need to be met from other sources.

How much in 2023?

For 2023 the School Board has suggested voluntary contributions of \$70 per student, or \$100 per family where more than one child attends. This amount is a suggestion not a set amount. You may wish to contribute this amount, more or less. All contributions are voluntary and confidential.

School Library Fund

The school also has an Isabella Plains Early Childhood School Library Fund. Funds in this account can only be used for purchasing resources for the library and donations are tax deductible. **Please note contributions to the Library fund must be separate to any other payment to be tax deductible.**

Why a Library Fund?

The money contributed into the library fund **MUST** be spent on resources for the library. We have big plans for our library! We want to transform it into the hub of the school, a space that is welcoming, inviting, and cosy. This is going to take not only time and energy and a quality plan, but also some targeted funds. We have allocated funds in the school budget but will need more to make this dream a reality. Businesses can make tax free donations so if you own a business or have friends or family with a business, encourage them to donate to something that will impact positively on your child's educational outcomes and wellbeing, instilling a lifelong love of reading. Think new books, accessible shelving, comfy reading areas, an area that flows indoors and outdoors and incorporates the family room. Help us realise our dream, contribute now.

Simon Barker
Principal

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FORM

Suggested Yearly Contribution is \$70 per child or \$100 per family.

(Please circle one) Voluntary Contribution / Library Fund (please ensure donations to the Library Fund are not combined with other payments)

Please circle the appropriate amount. Child \$70, Family \$100 or another voluntary amount \$

Family Name:.....

Child's Name:.....

Class:.....

Child's Name:.....

Class:.....

Payment options (please circle one): Quickweb (go to the school website page use code VOLCON)
<http://www.ipecs.act.edu.au/payment> / Credit Card & EFTPOS via phone or at reception

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Please tick if you require a receipt