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FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR 2018 -

SUPPORTING US TO MAINTAIN OUR 21st CENTURY VISION

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Family Contribution Fee of \$45.00, although voluntary, will make a difference to our school finances. In 2017 your contribution assisted us with some of the money that we spend in purchasing new books and furniture for the library and re-vamping our classrooms.

In 2018, your much needed contribution will assist further with all classrooms to purchase new furniture for all students to benefit. Students and teachers will be researching the type of classroom they would like to be working in and later on in the semester, make that a reality. <u>Your family contribution fees will go towards reaching that</u> <u>reality.</u>

Our goal is to raise \$6,000 to allow \$1,000 per class.

The type of classroom environment that a teacher creates and encourages can either increase or decrease a student's ability to learn and feel comfortable as a member of the class. The classroom environment should do as much to foster co-operation and acceptance as the teaching methods that the teacher uses. At the beginning of each year our teachers have the goal of establishing a classroom environment that is favourable for helping all students work cooperatively in order to learn. The classroom environment can either improve or impede a student's ability to learn and feel safe and comfortable as a member of the class. **Classrooms that encourage emotional well-being create an atmosphere for both learning and emotional development. Educational research supports creating an atmosphere of mutual respect, where students feel relaxed in asking questions and expressing their thoughts and feelings (Stronge, 2002).**

A warm classroom environment can lead to increased academic achievement and a sense of pride and belonging in the school. **The total cost of the Family Contribution Fee in 2017 is \$45.00.** However, if you do wish to contribute more towards this very worthwhile cause, you are more than welcome ©.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Androula Kavallaris Principal