



# Voluntary Financial Contributions

## Information Sheet

1. For students enrolled at the school who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or the children of Australian citizens or permanent residents, the costs of providing instruction, administration and facilities are met by the State Government.
2. Section 56 of the [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 \(Qld\)](#) states that the principal may ask the parents of a student to make a Voluntary Financial Contribution (VFC) to supplement government funding for instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the students at the school.
3. VFCs are used by the school to provide enhanced educational services and to supplement resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.
4. A VFC is **not** a fee, and is separate to user charging programs that might operate in a school. VFCs **cannot** be invoiced and debt recovery action will **not** be undertaken by the school for non-payment of all or part of a VFC.
5. The principal has the responsibility for the management of a request for a VFC.
6. The principal will consult with the school's Parents & Citizens' Association on the purpose and amount of the VFC.
7. To enable an informed decision to be made by the parent, the request for a VFC must indicate how the school will use the funds.
8. While the request to parents may indicate a nominated amount, the financial or in-kind contribution to the school is voluntary, and there is no obligation on a parent to make all or part of the contribution.
9. A receipt will be issued for all payments made for a VFC.
10. Where a parent decides not to make a VFC, the student must still be provided educational services. This includes the ability to participate in extra-curricular activities or to undertake a particular subject.