



## 2026 SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

The School Education Act 1999 and the School Education Regulations (2000) allow schools to request financial contributions from parents/caregivers to supplement the school budget, to enhance the learning experiences of all students. The school contributions and charges are separate from P & C fundraising activities. The Camboon Primary School Board has endorsed the following Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2026.

### • **School Voluntary Contribution**

The school receives student based funding each year from the Department of Education, which provides most of the material and resources necessary for students to access educational programs. The school voluntary contribution requested for 2026 will remain at \$60 per student for all children in Kindergarten to Year 6 and will assist the school to provide additional resources and materials.

The School Board, in discussing school contributions, has endeavoured to take into consideration the level of contribution needed to provide necessary additional student resources, materials and activities that will enhance our educational programs without causing undue hardship to parents/guardians.

All contributions are directed towards student learning through classroom and year level allocations and funding for extra materials used in educational programs and activities in which students are involved. The extent, of which, will be dependent on the classroom teachers learning program and will vary throughout the year. It will involve such things as Science, History, Technology consumables, classroom Art and cooking activities and subsidising special activities such as assembly items, Christmas, Mothers/Fathers Day etc.

The contribution is included in the personal items list order form and can be paid to Officeworks who will pass the payment onto the school.

### • **Voluntary Approved Request Technology – New for 2025, continuing in 2026.**

As a school we made the decision to provide brand new iPads for each student at Camboon Primary School. Students have been using them this year with great success. Some of the ways students use them are;

- Research
- Creating documents
- Creating spreadsheets
- Creating videos and movies
- Taking photos of their learning
- Creating presentations
- Using the learning apps like Reading Eggs and Matific which are funded by the school and P&C
- And many more creative ways of learning and showing their learning

I hope you have had an opportunity to see or hear about the wonderful ways your child is using the iPad. If not, please ask them and drop into class to see it for yourself. Research shows that students who use iPads in school tend to develop better critical thinking skills, higher-order reasoning skills, increased creativity, improved writing abilities, stronger communication skills, enhanced collaboration skills, a greater focus on tasks at hand, and improved organisational skills. They do not use the iPad all day, they also use traditional methods, like real books!

The School Board has agreed that we should seek a “Voluntary Approved Request” from parents. This is a voluntary contribution that can be paid any time throughout the year, or via installments per term. The School Board has agreed on \$10.00 per term per student. This equates to \$40.00 per year which is much less than purchasing an iPad for your child. The current price for an iPad is \$400. The voluntary approved request will contribute to funding for Technology as a whole, which will assist in purchasing and maintaining iPads, and purchasing digital technology curriculum resources.

The voluntary approved request is included in the personal items List order form and can be paid to Officeworks who will pass the payment onto the school.

### **Voluntary Approved Request P&C Contribution – New for 2026**

This will supplement the P&C fundraising efforts and enable the P&C to support school initiatives and focus areas to meet the needs of our children. The School Board has agreed on \$10 per student, maximum of \$30 per family.

- **Student Personal Items List**

Personal Items Lists or student stationery requirements for Kindergarten to Year 6 are issued to each student. Parents/guardians may purchase these items through the 2026 supplier: Officeworks, or a supplier of their own choice. Some items purchased for a student's current year, for example' headphones, pencil cases, pens, highlighters, rulers and scissors, can be used over a period of several years.

Total cost of the Personal Items List, per year level in 2026 will be:

|              |          |  |        |          |  |        |          |
|--------------|----------|--|--------|----------|--|--------|----------|
| Kindergarten | \$51.04  |  | Year 2 | \$201.84 |  | Year 5 | \$166.59 |
| Pre-primary  | \$64.20  |  | Year 3 | \$191.78 |  | Year 6 | \$165.07 |
| Year 1       | \$152.63 |  | Year 4 | \$197.14 |  |        |          |

- **Optional Charges**

The school voluntary contribution does not cover extra activities that may be offered through the year. These activities are optional charges that are linked to the education program and are approved by the principal. An example is: a class studying animals and wildlife may be offered an excursion to the Perth Zoo to view the animals in their habitats. These charges are to be paid as your child takes part in the activities. Parents/guardians will receive written notification of the activity and the permission forms for their child to attend.

These are an estimation of the maximum amount that may be requested from parents, throughout the year.

***These are only payable when requested through notices home to parents.***

| Activity  | Year Level |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |
|---|------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
|   | K          | P  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| In-term Swimming                                  |            | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55  | 55  | 55  |
| Excursions  | 30         | 40 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 60  | 60  | 60  |
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| Camp Year 6                                       |            |    |    |    |    |     |     | 300 |
| Year 6 Graduation Activities                      |            |    |    |    |    |     |     | 80  |
| MiniLit or MacqLit handbook for selected students | 40         | 40 | 40 |    |    |     |     |     |
| PEAC for selected students upon participation     |            |    | 10 | 10 | 10 | 50  | 300 | 300 |
| School of Instrumental Music                      |            |    |    |    |    | 125 | 125 | 125 |

**All payments to the school, including the optional charges for activity costs when they are requested from you for your child, can be made as follows:**

- Sent to school in in an envelope marked 'School Contribution' or 'Excursion/Activity' and clearly marked with your child's name. A receipt is available by request.
- Paid at the school office during school hours - cash or EFTPOS.
- Paid by Direct Deposit

Account name                      Camboon Primary School  
 BSB 633-000  
 Account number 141829655

**Child's name as the reference and reason for payment EG: jsmith volc**  
 (No name means we will not be able to record payment against your child)

If you have not included payment of the \$60 voluntary contribution, or the \$40 voluntary approved request with your child's stationary items list through Officeworks, we would appreciate payment at any other time during the 2026 school year. Payment arrangements can be made with the school if you are unable to pay for contributions or charges for activities. Please see our Manager Corporate Services to set up a suitable payment plan.

Janice Cuculoska  
 Principal  
 12 November 2025