



## POLLING LETTER

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Section 106A of the Education Act 1972 enables schools, in consultation with the school council/community, to continue to set, collect and recover a materials and services charge.

The copy of the proposed Materials and Services Charges notice for 2019 as set by the Governing Council was distributed on the 26th October 2018, and approved by the Governing/School Council at a meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Section 106A stipulates that a materials and services charge is recoverable as a debt due to the school council, for an amount known as the 'standard sum'. The 'standard sum' for 2019 is \$241 for primary students and \$318 for secondary students. In addition to the 'standard sum', the legislation allows the Governing/School Council on application to the Chief Executive (or delegate), to apply for an increased legally recoverable amount, known as the 'prescribed sum'.

At the above mentioned meeting the school recommended that an application to the Chief Executive (or delegate) to increase the legally recoverable amount be endorsed. Prior to the Governing Council applying, the school must conduct a successful poll, which demonstrates that a majority of the respondents are in favour of legally recovering an amount higher than the standard sum.

The Governing Council therefore asks that you support their recommendation to increase the legally recoverable amount to a 'prescribed sum', which is the core Materials and Services Charge of \$395 for year levels 8 - 13, plus any subject charge for those subjects chosen by the student for 2019.

If the majority of parents vote in favour of the higher amount (that is the core Materials and Services Charge plus any applicable subject charges), then all parents (excluding approved School Card holders) are liable for this charge.

Each family is entitled to one vote per student per poll, with a majority based on the number of respondents. The poll closes 12:00pm on the 30th November 2018

If you have any questions, please contact the Principal.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kylie Grenfell  
Chairperson, Governing Council

