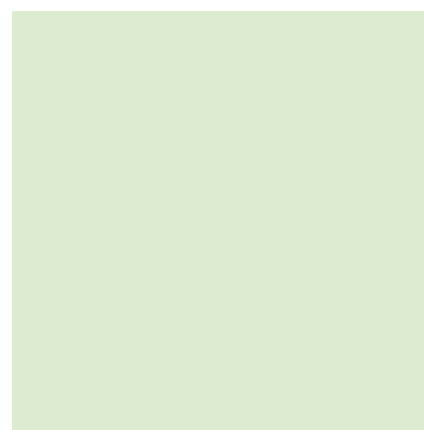
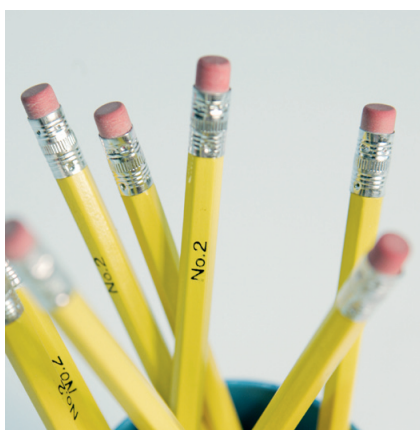




# School costs

Understanding the financial expenses of public schooling and financial assistance



There are a number of costs associated with going to school and you may find it helpful to know about these so you can plan and budget for them. All effort is made to keep costs reasonable.

## Voluntary contribution

We seek the payment of a voluntary contribution at the start of the year to help enhance educational and sporting programs for our students. If you are having difficulty paying this can you please make an appointment with the principal for a private discussion. In high school subject contributions are charged to cover the costs of materials that go beyond the minimum requirements of the curriculum used by your child.

## Excursions

We organise excursions throughout the year for example to visit the zoo or a museum to enhance what the children are learning in the classroom. There is a cost for these. Incursions are

events that happen in the school, such as a performance that also enhance student learning. Both excursions and incursions are carefully planned and they support classroom learning.

## Additional activities

There may be additional costs if your child is involved in extra activities, such as sporting activities that require travel to other schools, or instrument hire if playing in the school band.

## Financial assistance

If you are having any difficulty with the costs of schooling, please ring the school to make an appointment with the principal to discuss your situation.

All financial discussions and details will be kept strictly confidential by your school. The Student Assistance Scheme can help eligible families.

## Education Tax Refund

The Education Tax Refund was introduced in 2008 by the Federal Government. If you receive the Family Tax Benefit you may be entitled to claim a tax refund of up to 50% off eligible expenses for your child's education during the income year 1 July 2008 - 30 June 2009 for things such as stationery, computers, printers, internet and educational software, etc.

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