



Dear Parents

2026 SCHOOL CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The Southern Grove Primary School Board has endorsed the schedule of Contributions and Charges for 2026. The schedule is broken into four sections and will allow you to calculate all costs that may be incurred throughout the school year.

1. Contributions

The total amount of contributions parents/caregivers are being asked to pay has been set at \$60.00 per student which is in line with the School Education Regulations 2000.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the curriculum learning areas. While the contributions are voluntary the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth governments. It is therefore vital for the school to receive your family's contribution. Your contribution will be used to supplement school funding for the purchase of resources needed in the provision of the learning program activities. The table below gives you the breakdown of where we will direct your voluntary contribution.

Kindergarten to Year 6	
Learning Area Resources	\$30.00
Science Resource Materials	\$10.00
Maths Resource Materials	\$10.00
English Resource Materials	\$10.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION	\$60.00
Other Voluntary Approved Requests	
P&C Contribution	\$20.00 per family
Library Fund	\$10.00 per student
Grounds Funds	\$20.00 per student
TOTAL VOLUNTARY APPROVED REQUESTS	\$50.00

The School Board has suggested a number of options be offered to assist parents making their contribution.

Option 1 A single contribution of \$60.00

Option 2 Four equal contributions, each of \$15.00 made in the first week of each term.

Option 3 Two payments, each of \$30.00 made in the first week of each semester.





The school contributions and charges were approved by the School Board on 5 August 2025 and they would like to point out the contribution per child (\$60.00) equates to \$1.50 per week over the course of the year.

We also point out that all contributions are used for the direct benefit of the children. Our aim is to raise our community's contribution rate to at least 80% for the benefit of all our children.

2. Charges For Extra Cost Optional Components

A breakdown of estimated charges for your child's participation in excursions, incursions, activities for 2026 have been included in the table attached. Details on charges collected in previous years has helped guide the 2026 estimate of charges. The amounts shown represent the **maximum** charged for scheduled activities in 2026.

The schedule includes costs associated with:

- Specific learning activities and available to **all** students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. incursions, excursions.
- Specific learning activities available to **selected** students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. PEAC, Music program, etc.
- Other activities available to all students, but conditional on a payment being made e.g. graduation lunch, educational tours, etc.

3. Items For Personal Use

The list of items for personal use will vary from student to student and includes:

- Pupil requirements for all students and used in lessons e.g. stationery items, calculator, recorder, etc.
- Pupil requirements recommended but not essential for all students e.g. tissues, art shirt, etc.
- Pupil requirements for selected students and not directly part of the educational program e.g. class photographs, Year 6 leavers' shirts, etc.

The recommended list of Items for Personal Use for your child has been previously distributed. All materials can be purchased through Officeworks, however you are not obliged to use this supplier. Your child will need to have the listed materials each school day so it will be necessary to replace some items, such as pens or pencils, throughout the year.

4. Other Voluntary Approved Requests

- The Southern Grove Primary School P & C Association voluntary approved request will be a \$20.00 fundraising contribution per family. This contribution will go towards providing much needed equipment for our children.
- Southern Grove Primary School Board has approved a voluntary contribution of \$10 per student for our School Library funds to go towards the purchase and replacement of student library books and resources.
- Southern Grove Primary School Board has approved a voluntary contribution of \$20 per students to be used for the improvement of the school grounds/playground facilities for students.





CHARGES FOR EXTRA COST OPTIONS - SCHEDULE 2026

	K	PP	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6
Incursion/Excursions	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
STEM	\$10	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Music – includes Choir	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Instrumental Music (IMMS) (bookstand, music, this does not include purchase of instrument)	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$215	\$215
Interschool Carnivals		\$20	\$20	\$20	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Swimming P-6	-	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70
Developmental Screening Assessment	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	-	-	-	-
Farewell Shirt (each)	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$50	\$50
Farewell Activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$80
School Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$100 Deposit	\$500
PEAC (3 rounds per year. Price ranges from \$10-\$100 per round)	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$300	\$300

NB: Please note that not all children in the year level are involved in all the above activities, e.g. interschool sporting teams, music, PEAC etc. The charges for extra cost options in the table above demonstrates the **maximum** any student will pay for extra cost options – many classes/students will not be required to expend that amount.

Kind Regards

Bec Burns
Principal

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