

2021 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harrison School requests that you please support the 2021 Voluntary Contributions Scheme.

Your Voluntary Contribution will support your child's education

At Harrison School, voluntary contributions are used to enrich the learning environment. Voluntary Contributions directly support your child's education and learning at Harrison School through a variety of resources that include outdoor and consumable resources as well as educational supplies such as books.

To all those families who contributed in 2020, Thank You! Your contributions supported the operations of the school, including purchasing of learning resources such as books and ICT equipment.

In 2021 funds raised through the Voluntary Contributions Scheme will be used for:

- Enhancing the outdoor environment
- Literacy and Numeracy teaching resources (including online subscriptions)
- ICT Equipment
- Art consumables
- PE and sports equipment

The Voluntary Contribution we are asking for is \$75 per student

Our Voluntary Contributions are in line with, or less than, other ACT Government schools.

There are multiple ways to pay your Voluntary Contribution

Contributions may be paid by direct bank deposit, via the Quickweb link on the school website, EFTPOS or cash at the front office. Please see payment information on the back of this letter.

Payments can also be made by instalments. If you require further payment slips, please contact our friendly team in the front office.

Your Voluntary Contribution is governed by the School Board

Your Voluntary Contribution will be collected by the school and managed by the Harrison School Board. The Board is committed to ensuring that 100% of your Voluntary Contribution directly supports student's education in meaningful and relevant ways.

Library Trust Fund – Tax Deductable

Harrison School also has a Library Trust Fund. Contributions made to the Library Trust Fund are Tax Deductable, if you would like your Voluntary Contribution to go towards the Library Trust Fund please advise at the time of payment. Traditionally we request contributions to the Library Trust fund in June. More information will come out about this soon.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to a great response from the Harrison School community.

Gareth Richards
Executive Principal

Voluntary Financial Contributions – Frequently Asked Questions

Is the proposed contribution in line with other ACT primary schools?	Our Voluntary Financial Contributions are in line with those requested by other ACT Government schools. Many schools set a base amount for one child, with increases for second or third children.
How can I pay my contributions?	Contributions may be paid by direct bank deposit, via the Quickweb link on the school website, EFTPOS or cash at the front office. Payments can be made at any time of the year.
What are the school's priorities for expenditure of the school fund, and what difference will the Voluntary Financial Contributions make?	Each year the Board estimates the expected Voluntary Financial Contributions and takes this into account when setting the budget expenditures. Voluntary Financial Contributions make a significant difference to the capacity to make funds available for such things as art consumables, digital technology resources, subscriptions to online platforms and sporting equipment.
Do you have a fundraising target for the voluntary contributions?	This year the Board has set a target of aiming to enhance outdoor learning spaces to make them more engaging.
Can I contribute a smaller amount?	Yes. We understand that at times finding the full amount may be difficult, any contribution you are able to make will be appreciated.
Can I give my contribution in instalments?	Yes. If paying by instalments suits your circumstances better, we can accept contributions at any time during the year for any amount
Will my contributions remain confidential?	All records of contributions remain confidential and are not disclosed to any other agency or person.
Can I contribute more than the requested amount?	Yes. If you feel able to contribute more than requested this is very much appreciated.

