



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

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

A copy of the proposed materials and services charges notice for 2020 as set by the School Council was distributed on the 21st October 2019, and approved by the School Council at a meeting held on the 11th November 2019.

Section 106A states 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 2020 is \$244 for a primary school student and \$322 for a secondary school student. In addition to the standard sum, the legislation allows the 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. Before the School Council, the school must conduct a successful poll, which shows that a majority of the respondents are in favour of the school being able to legally recover an amount higher than the standard sum.

The School 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 \$330 for year level/s R-7, plus any subject charge for those subjects chosen by the student for 2020.

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. If parents would like to submit an individual vote please contact the returning officer for an additional voting slip. The poll closes on the 26th November 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact the Principal or myself.

Yours sincerely

David Conroy
Chairperson, School Council
13 November 2019

Gilles Street Primary School



I/We support the School Council's recommendation that the 2020 materials and services charge be set at the core material and services charge of \$330 for year level/s R-7 plus any subject charge, where applicable. This higher amount is to be known as the prescribed sum.

I/We understand that by voting in favour of the higher amount means that this (core materials and services charge plus any applicable subject charges) amount becomes legally recoverable in the event of non-payment.

Yes

No

Number of students in the family affected by poll:

Please return to: _____

Returning officer: _____

✂ _____

This portion of the voting slip will be removed by the returning officer (who will not be involved in the counting process) and is for administrative use only.

Parent, caregiver or independent student name: _____

Note: this will only be used to check the number of students affected by the poll, to confirm the correct number of votes.



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