Lambton Public School Excellence and opportunity in a caring environment P.O. BOX 20 20 CROUDACE STREET LAMBTON NSW 2299

2021 Voluntary Contributions

Tuesday 16th *February,* 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the past two years Lambton Public School has provided all workbooks and classroom resources that students require for their learning at school. This has included: workbooks, whiteboards, Spelling Mastery books, home reading journals and a variety of stationery items used in each classroom. The cost of these resources has not been passed on to parents and carers. The school has used departmental allocations provided by the State Government to purchase these.

While the Education Act 1990 states that Government school education is to be free of charge, schools have the ability to raise funds to supplement departmental allocations to enable their educational and sporting programs to be initiated, maintained or enhanced. Our school has long requested voluntary contributions from families to enhance the quality of the resources we provide to our students. In 2020, voluntary contributions from families helped us purchase a broad range of reading resources to support students' home reading. We stress that these contributions are, as the name implies, 'voluntary'. Parents and carers are not obligated to pay the contributions if you are unable to do so. Families of students that are unable to make a voluntary contribution will not be embarrassed, disadvantaged or discriminated against in any way. However, we do ask our families once again to consider making this contribution if you are able. Your contributions do make a difference to the resources available to each child in our school.

For Lambton Public School in 2021, there is no increase to the contributions requested:

Cost per sibling	Cost	Total
1	\$25	\$25
2	\$15	\$40
3+	\$10	\$50

For families with 3 or more children enrolled the total Voluntary Contribution requested will be capped at \$50. Please remember, that this is <u>not a mandatory payment</u>. Because of the way that the school finance system operates, if you have chosen not to make this payment, families will still see the Voluntary Contribution listed on school statements each term with this item removed from your statement at the end of the 2021 year.

Payments can be made through the "Make a Payment" option in Skoolbag, or on the school website <u>https://lambton-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/</u>. Please speak to the office staff if you'd like to make arrangements to pay this in smaller, more manageable instalments. Payments can also be made by cash, cheque, MasterCard, Visa or EFTPOS at the office.

If you have any questions about student resources or the Voluntary Contribution, please contact me at school.

Yours Sincerely David Holland Principal ** Please complete the sections below for each child and return to the office as soon as possible.

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1 st Child's Name		Class
2 nd Child's Name		Class
3 rd Child's Name		Class
4 th Child's Name		Class
I have enclosed	OR I have paid	_online Rec No:
Parent/Carer's Name		Date
Signature		