

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN POLICY

ACTIVITY FEES, DONATIONS & EXPENSES

Rationale

Family contributions are an important source of income and are used to provide enhanced or improved facilities and resources for the school and its students. It is important to recognize that education in New Zealand is provided free of charge and as such families may only be asked for donations and not required to pay fees.

Purpose

The Board in its guidelines provides procedures for setting annual donations which are reasonable and affordable for the parent body. There is no requirement for families to give voluntary donations to the school and in its request for contribution the school will outline the voluntary nature of the donation. Where course fees are legitimately to be charged, parents will be notified of such charges prior to the charge being made and detail the purpose of the charges.

Guidelines

1. The suggested family contribution will be set and reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees and RSST.
2. This suggested amount will be published in the school prospectus/newsletters.
3. Although the family contribution is not compulsory all parents/caregivers will be encouraged to support the school and its students in this manner.
4. A donation will be requested from parents on the basis of agreed amounts with the voluntary nature of the contribution clearly outlined.
5. The school community will be informed annually of how the family contribution is used.

Ratified by Board/RSST:



Signed for BOT/RSST

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