



# ARANDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Aranda Primary School Parents and Carers,

## Re: Voluntary Contributions

Aranda Primary School has a reputation for academic excellence and high satisfaction amongst our parents and students. This is not accidental and arises from the dedication and efforts of the school staff and community and the resources they have to employ.

Voluntary contributions are an important component of the school's resources, both in their own right and the signal it sends to the ACT Education Directorate. When the Directorate decides what funds are to be contributed to schools in the ACT, the contribution that the school community makes to the facilities at the school is a 'signature' of how much that community is invested in the future of the school and the children who attend and use the facilities. We believe this was one factor in our recent successful engagement with the Directorate.

The Aranda Primary School Board is committed to ensuring Aranda Primary School continues to promote a relevant, challenging and enjoyable learning environment for our children both indoors and outdoors. In order to maintain Aranda Primary School's high standards, it is imperative that improvements to the gym, hall and other school infrastructure are commenced and completed as soon as possible – your contribution ensures a sustainable future for the school, its students and the broader school community.

The voluntary contributions for K-6 remain the same as they have been since 2011: \$200 for a single child or \$300 if you have two or more children attending the school. In 2017, voluntary contributions for pre-school is \$200 per child. To pay the 2017 voluntary contributions, simply complete and return the confidential payment slip attached to this letter, and pay using one of the payment option methods described on the form.

Contributions are split into three funds – Library Fund, Building Fund and General Fund, noting that donations to the Library and Building Funds are tax deductible.

Last year's voluntary contributions from the families of the children that attend Aranda Primary School made a significant contribution towards improvements in school facilities, such as library resources, science equipment and science fair prizes, readers and chess equipment.

For additional information about how contributions are used, as well as different payment options and payment plans, please visit the school website at

[http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our\\_school/school\\_board](http://www.arandaps.act.edu.au/our_school/school_board) .

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

*Donald Lowe*  
Board Chair