



PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS - EXPLANATORY NOTES 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian

Healesville High School is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for your child and seeks your financial assistance to achieve this aim. The State Government supplies a considerable proportion of the School's income, but **this is not enough to meet the full provision of the necessary materials and requisite costs of running the school to the level of education that parents expect.** Approximately 40% of all funds used in the school (excluding salaries) are raised through parent contributions.

School Council Approved Contributions – The General Student Services Charges and Facilities Charges are reviewed annually by the School Council. These funds provide materials, equipment and services that your son/daughter will have access to and benefit from each year.

Required Subject Materials & Equipment Charges – These cover the costs of materials and specialist equipment that your son/daughter will use should he/she enrol in that specific subject – savings occur through bulk purchases. Therefore, only students who pay the relevant charges will be able to receive and use these special materials and equipment for those subjects.

The Shared Equipment Scheme – Students have access to shared class sets of books and resources in a number of subject areas for the year so that parents do not have to purchase multiple textbooks or equipment.

Faculty Levies - Specific charges as listed in the school handbook. These cover such things as speakers and theatre groups performing at school, equipment, materials and ingredient costs not provided by government funds.

Computer consumables – This provides students with internet access and maintains our annual software licence fees.

Other Costs:

Combination Lock – All students are required to purchase a combination lock from the General Office upon enrolment
Cost \$10.00.

USB Memory Stick- 1Gig. \$23.00.

Multimedia Headphone/Microphone – for use in computer classes and with the laptops. **\$20.00.**

Instrumental Music – A term charge of **\$35.00** is payable for the cost of sheet music, equipment maintenance and renewal, including audio visual upgrades, DVDs, CDs and tapes. **To encourage Year 7 students to participate in the instrumental music program the charge per term for 2008 will be reduced to \$15.** Please note that instrumental music is an extra curricular activity chosen by students.

Excursions, Camps and Some Sporting Activities – Students will be required to pay for activities that extend beyond the core curriculum involving transport costs, entry fees, hire of equipment, specialist coaches, etc.

Community Indoor Pool – The Indoor Pool was built with funds raised by local community groups. Students at the school are able to use the pool at an **annual cost of \$10.00** during school hours.

We encourage all parents to make the full contribution to maintain the high standard of education that you expect from our school.

Tom Bege
Principal