

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL FEES ARE JUST THAT – VOLUNTARY!

Carers often raise the cost of education as an issue of concern. Recent statements by the Minister of Education in Victoria, Gabrielle Williams, makes clear that the provision of all curriculum-based instruction and resources, including textbooks, are free.



Schools have been reminded of the importance of informing parents and carers of this fact.

Advice from the Education Department website states that:

Voluntary contributions

Schools cannot treat unpaid voluntary contributions as a debt, because parents and carers are not required to contribute.

Invitations to make voluntary contributions must not include 'unpaid' contributions carried forward from the previous school year.

Any new invitation for additional voluntary contributions throughout the year must be reviewed and approved by the school council and must be compliant with the requirements of this policy.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-contributions/guidance/finance-requirements>

If you have concerns about this please contact the KCV office on 0499 969 234.