

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION - TECHNOLOGY

In the words of Dr Seuss, “adults are obsolete children”. However, our children are in their prime learning years, absorbing knowledge in the 21st Century and they need technology that is not obsolete! Up-to-date technology is essential to their education.

Graceville State School is in great need of updated technology resources like laptops, desktops and iPads.

The current fleet of computers and iPads at Graceville State School is old, with many devices out of warranty and unable to support the latest software and some aspects of the incoming Information, Communication and Technology Curriculum.

Some schools request that children BYO Devices, but our school does not want individual families to incur such a great expense at this time.

The Voluntary Contribution – Technology provides a way for us as a community to fund sufficient technology resources for the learning needs of the whole school, at a much lower cost to individual families than buying a device for each child in their family under a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme.

The school is beginning to plan for NAPLAN online in 2020 and funds will also go towards ensuring that our children have the most appropriate up-to-date hardware to take these tests. These devices will be those that students are familiar with from their classroom work.

This approach will only work if enough families at the school participate and contribute.

There are 772 children at Graceville State School. Voluntary contributions for 2019 have only been received for almost 20 per cent of students which is not yet one in every five. We do need a higher level of participation to reach our target.



Under the Voluntary Contribution, we are asking for a contribution of \$100 per child at the school.

Despite being much less than the cost of a laptop or iPad, we understand this amount is not affordable for all families, so we encourage families to make whatever contribution they are comfortable with.

A payment form is attached with instructions for paying the Voluntary Contribution directly to the P&C bank account.

Payments can also be made in multiples of \$10 from a minimum of \$10 through School24 (see attached payment form for details).

Of all money received, 75 per cent will go directly and immediately towards purchasing laptops and iPads and other technology devices to support our children's learning, and 25 per cent will go towards resources to support the school's focus on writing.

Please consider making your contribution promptly so technology tools can be purchased immediately to benefit all our children, who have a lot of love and need for what the Voluntary Contribution will provide.

Chris Hansen
President
Graceville State School P&C Association



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Payment Form

Option A: \$100 per child

This is the recommended amount to provide adequate technology resources.

Option B: Discretionary amount

Any amount will be a welcome contribution to help the community raise enough money to fund adequate technology resources for our children's learning.

Payment can be made by BANK TRANSFER:

Account name: Graceville State School P&C Association

BSB: 064-111

Account number: 00900130

Ref: VC "Child's name"

OR

Payment can be made at the SCHOOL OFFICE during these hours:

8:00am-3.00pm - Monday to Wednesday

8:00am-12:00pm - Thursday and Friday

Option C: \$10 instalments via School24

Log on to your School24 account (or register for an account if you don't have one) at www.school24.net.au, and select the amount you would like to contribute from a minimum of \$10. You can select to pay for multiple instalments to meet the recommended amount of \$100 per child or pay in smaller increments over time.

