

P&C Voluntary Contribution

At Sandgate District State High School, we place great importance on parent engagement and the value to all parents of participating and supporting the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). The P&C is the parent representative body of your child’s school, **it is your voice** and enables you to support your child by:

- working in productive partnership with the school principal and the community to promote the interests of the school
- providing feedback and advice on school policies
- providing input to the development of school activities such as excursions, camps, social events and extra-curricular activities
- determining grant writing and community sponsorship opportunities
- meeting other parents and connecting with the school community

Active participation in the P&C from all parents is welcomed and encouraged and membership to the SDSHS P&C is free. To help meet the financial obligations of the P&C, we ask families to make a **voluntary contribution** to the Association. Your voluntary contribution will help provide seating, shade, beautification of the grounds and support our students in their endeavours.

Without a P&C the school is unable to fundraise and apply for significant grant funding. We thank you for your consideration of this voluntary contribution and your support of the P&C. We look forward to welcoming you to our P&C meetings usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in room AG11 (lower administration building). Please direct any queries to the P&C President, via email pandcexecutive@sandgatedistrictshs.eq.edu.au

Please return this letter/form below with your payment either with cheque attached to the school office or for direct deposit scanned/photo to email address above.

Personal Details

Name	
Address	
Email	
Signature	

I am:

- a parent/carer
 a staff member of the school
 a community member

Contribution Amount

- \$20
 \$50
 \$75
 \$100
 \$200
 \$500
 Other

Direct Deposit	Name	Sandgate District State High School P&C Association		
	BSB	064124	Account	00900578
	Ref	‘Your Name’ PandC Contribution		
Cheque	Please make cheque payable to Sandgate District High School P&C Association and hand to the school office or post to PO Box 195, Sandgate Road, QLD 4017.			

Voluntary Financial Contributions Information Sheet

Each state school is resourced by the State Government through appropriation funding to provide a core educational service to students. Schools use voluntary financial contributions to provide an enhanced educational service and to supplement resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.

Operating Statement

1. The costs of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students at the school are met by the State Government for students enrolled at the school who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or the children of Australian citizens or permanent residents.
2. The school is resourced by the State Government through school appropriation funding to provide a core educational service.
3. Section 56 of the [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 \(Qld\)](#) allows that the principal may ask the parents of a student of the school to make a voluntary financial contribution to supplement government funding for instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school. If the student is an adult, the principal may ask the student to make a voluntary financial contribution.
4. Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to supplement resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.
5. A voluntary financial contribution is **not** a fee. Debt recovery action will **not** be undertaken by the school for non-payment of all or part of a request for a voluntary financial contribution.
6. A voluntary financial contribution is separate to a [Student Resource Scheme](#) that might operate in the school.
7. While the request to parents may indicate a nominated amount, the financial contribution to the school is voluntary, and there is no obligation on a parent to make all or part of the contribution.
8. To enable an informed decision to be made by the parent, the request for a voluntary contribution should indicate how the school will use the funds.
9. The school and parents share decision-making and responsibility for the operation of the voluntary financial contribution funds. The amount of the requested contribution and the operation of the voluntary contributions are endorsed annually by the Parents & Citizens' Association.
10. Voluntary financial contribution funds may be managed by the school or the Parents & Citizens' Association, but not by a third party.
11. Requests for voluntary financial contributions cannot deter a student from enrolling at the school, participating in extra-curricular activities or undertaking a particular subject.
12. Where a parent decides not to make a voluntary financial contribution, the school will continue to provide instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school, and the student will suffer no educational detriment by way of school action as a result of the decision.
13. For any payment by cash, cheque or credit/debit card, a receipt will be issued.