## Algester State School

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## **Voluntary Financial Contribution (VFC)**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Algester State School we aim to provide a quality and highly engaging education for all children. The Queensland Department of Education (DoE) pays the costs of providing core instruction, administration and facilities for our students.

The Principal may request the parent of a student to consider making a voluntary financial contribution to enhance both the educational services and resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.

Our Parents and Citizens Association endorse our Volunatry Financial Contribution (VFC) annually. The purpose of the VFC is to provide parents with the opportunity to support our school in providing additional enrichment programs and facilities on campus. The program in 2025 will support a range of programs that include:

• Information Communication Technology is pivotal to the learning opportunities for our students. Technological awareness, opportunities to develop skills and knowledge as well as gaining an understanding of the impact of ICT on their educational and personal lives is criticial for our students. Algester State School aims to provide all students with learning opportunities delivered by informed staff, using the most current technologial devices. As an Apple Distinguished School, the students are provided with all necessary APPS to operate their apple device or while on a school owned device. In 2025 the school will also provide information awareness programs on cyberbullying and cybersafety.

The school provides the following digital requirements for all students, parents and guardians:

- Seesaw Creates a powerful learning looop between students, teachers and parents/guardians. It provides the ability to facilitate differentiated learning and encourages student reflection.
- iPad apps Approximately 40 different apps per year level
- Matific Mathematics online learning platform
- Sunshine Online Comprehensive Digital Literacy Program
- SORA Digital library system to open a world of reading
- DRA Online Decodable Reader's platform
- Boardmarker Supporting our inclusive education by providing support for differentated learning.
- SchoolStream Communication platform for parents and community to keep our families up to date regarding various incursions/excursions, community notices and ontime notices.

A flyer from DoE that provides additional information on the voluntary financial contribution program is attached. Please take the time to read this detailed explanation.

In 2025, Algester State School Parents & Citizens has provided the school with approval to seek a recommended voluntary financial contribution of:

\$80.00 per student or \$140.00 per family



We have agreed to maintain this recommended level of contributions, and are very aware that they are extremely low in comparison to other local State Schools.

Payments can be made electronically via Bpoint, direct deposit or deposited directly at a Commonwealth Bank.

## Payment Details:

Bank Details:

Algester State School General Account

BSB:

064-159

Account Number:

00090165 Reference: STUDENTSURNAME, INITIAL, VFC eg SMITHA VFC

If using the bpoint option enter VFC when requesting an invoice number

Please support us to continue with our exciting and innovative educational programs so that we can continue to enhance he opportunities for offer EVERY Algester State School student to digitally engage in a rich learning program.

Regards

Janine Leach Principal

**Simone Potts** President P & C