



# Jasper Road Public School

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## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

Each year government schools receive a global budget for teaching and learning resources and replacement of teachers when they are on leave. Your financial contributions supplement the global funds and allow the school to enhance the educational programs we can offer our students. We try to keep costs to a minimum whilst providing the best positive educational resources for your child.

In 2019 we request the following contributions:

General School Contribution	\$50 per family	These funds will be used to buy resources for all Learning Areas including English and Mathematics, music and drama programs.
Resource Levy	\$50 per child	As the school does not utilise textbooks, this money enables the school to provide workbooks and print material to students to meet their individual learning needs. This levy also covers supplies for art and craft
Technology Levy	\$50 per child	The cost of providing current new technology to students is significant. These funds support the purchase of new hardware and the implementation of recognised technology programs.
Building Levy	\$50 per family	The newly established Building Levy will allow the school to provide modern and updated facilities. The Building Levy is also tax deductible and a receipt will be issued to you for any donation you may wish to make.

This may be paid as a whole amount or through part payments each semester or term.

Attached is an article published in the Sydney Morning Herald explaining the benefits of parents paying contributions.

I look forward to working with all our students and families throughout the year at Jasper Road Public School.

Regards

Craig Warner  
Principal

**Sydney Morning Herald - 20<sup>th</sup> January**

*Parents with children in NSW selective schools pay voluntary fees on average five times the amount of those with children in comprehensive public schools, creating a stark inequality within the public school system, an analysis by Fairfax Media reveals.*

*Although public education is ostensibly free, state schools can ask parents to pay voluntary fees or ask for subject contributions, which principals say can make a significant difference to a school's income.*

*An analysis of last year's per-student revenue from these contributions reveals selective schools are able to generate the highest amounts. Parents with children attending Sydney Boys, North Sydney Girls and James Ruse Agricultural high schools paid more than \$500 a student.*

*By contrast, more than 1000 comprehensive schools, many in rural and outer suburban areas, received less than \$50 a student from parents, based on data from the Department of Education and Communities.*

*Public schools can set and request voluntary contributions at their own discretion.*

*General contributions can go into general revenue or be spent on specific items such as technology and books, while subject contributions go towards materials such as props for drama classes or utensils in food technology.*

*The president of the NSW Secondary Principals' Council, Lila Mularczyk, said the fees made "a huge difference to any school's income".*