POLICY: PARENT CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

1. Rationale:

The *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* provides for the provision of free instruction in the standard curriculum program, and empowers school councils to charge for goods and services used in the course of instruction and to raise funds.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) provides funding to schools through the Student Resource Package (SRP) and various programs. This includes funding for the standard curriculum program and associated education items, equipment and operational costs which are an integral part of the SRP.

This policy outlines the process at Chilwell Primary School.

2. Aims:

2.1. To provide books and stationary to children Prep-Year 6.
2.2. To provide a quality music program Prep-Year 6.
2.3. To provide materials to support a Life Education and Religious Education Program.
2.4. Raise voluntary contributions to support both Building & Library Funds

3. Implementation:

3.1. A request for Parent Contribution is issued to parents in February each year. This outlines the amount and purpose for requested monies.
3.2. Voluntary contributions are outlined in the areas of:
   - Voluntary fundraising levy
   - Library/Building Funds
3.3. Parent Payment (items which are Essential Education items) will be clearly indicated and will consist of children requirements (books etc.) Optional extras consist of:
   - music / performing arts
   - life education (if required)
   - Religious Education.

4. Ratified:

4.1. This policy was ratified by School Council – December 2012. Review: Annually