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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Upwey High School is committed to providing the best possible education for your child and seeks your support in achieving this aim.

Our budgets are the same as household budgets; a certain level of income is required to meet the running costs. The State Government provides a significant proportion of our income, but this is not enough to meet the full costs of running the school programs and to provide the level of education and standard of facilities, that you expect and your child needs.

At Upwey High School we deliver a broad range of curriculum and co-curriculum programs to meet the needs of a diverse range of students. We also provide enhanced facilities to ensure that your child has a positive learning experience at school.

We have expanded our Information, Communication Technology (ICT) resources and the student access to the Internet and Intranet. We are committed to keeping pace with technological developments and providing your son/daughter with access to relevant and up-to-date resources. This is a challenge and requires a significant financial commitment by the school.

Our Senior School curriculum provides one of the widest choices of programs in any school. This ensures that each individual student has access to a program that suits their needs. The success of our students in reaching their desired pathways indicates that our approach is working.

To maintain our outstanding programs we need to recover costs associated with delivering these programs. The funds collected through the school charges provide for items such as stationery, printing requisites, photocopying,, class sets of books and equipment, classroom materials, audio visual and reference requisites, student reports, first aid supplies, parent newsletters, school magazines, sport and physical education equipment, library resources, and much more.

Our aim is to keep the contributions we ask parents to make at a minimum but they are vital to meet the costs above those funded by the Government. Explanations of these contributions are detailed in the accompanying charges sheet and you will note the portion devoted to the Building Fund is tax deductible.

We appeal to all parents to pay these contributions. We take our responsibility for educating your child/children very seriously. We rely upon and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Daly
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