

Q&A *What Donations, Fees & Charges can the school ask you for?*

Papamoa College has opted into the Government Donation Scheme for 2020.

What does *opted into the Government Donation Scheme for 2020* mean?

For 2020, the school will receive \$150 for each enrolled student on the condition that the school does not ask parents and caregivers for any school donations and fees, with some exceptions. The school can however ask for a donation towards the cost of camps, and charge fees for optional extras and extra-curricular activities.

How is the school funded for the learning curriculum?

The school receives an Operations Grant for all expenses (excluding teacher salaries) to operate all aspects of the school including the provision of the learning curriculum for all students. Any costs and activities that are directly related to the learning curriculum are met by the school and can not be charged to parents and caregivers.

What has happened in the past (2011-19)?

In the past the school has invited parents caregivers to make an annual donation to assist with the costs of the school. We used this money to provide sporting, arts and cultural opportunities for students. The school has also previously asked payments for camps, and some off-campus trips and extra activities, as well as for courses which have a take-home component (eg. Technology project) and when a student has chosen a course that has an optional high cost component (eg. Outdoor Education).

What about situations of genuine hardship?

In the past the school has supported students and their families that may be disadvantaged because of financial hardship. The school is committed to ensure that no student should be prevented from a quality education through circumstances beyond their control. This support will continue in the future. Please contact us should you feel we can support you in this way.

In 2020, can the school ask for a general annual parent and caregiver donation or contribution?

No
Papamoa College will not be inviting parents and caregivers to make an annual donation or contribution.

What aspects of the learning curriculum will be provided by the school?

All resources and equipment used in class learning, photocopying, visiting speaker costs, trips off campus that are necessary for a learning programme (e.g. beach study) . . . There is no expectation that parents and caregivers will contribute towards the costs of the learning curriculum.

Are materials for practical courses provided?

Yes
Subjects such as Technology, Photography, Art, Media Studies, & Outdoor Education will provide sufficient equipment and resources in order for students to gain access to their normal learning curriculum.
However, there may be situations where a student chooses to upgrade and desire additional materials and equipment which will be at their own cost. Any decisions of this nature will be made in conjunction with students and their parents and caregivers.

Are optional extras for normal learning paid for by the school?

No

If an activity or item is deemed to be an extra and additional to the normal learning curriculum, then there may be an associated charge (eg. additional trip to an exhibition in the evening).

Are student uniforms and stationery covered by the school?

No

Both student uniforms and stationery are the responsibility of parents and caregivers.

Can the school charge for overnight camps?

Yes

Papamoa College believe there are significant benefits for student development to learn off-campus that includes overnight camps. Parents and students also hold this view and are keen for the school to continue to offer a wide range of overnight camps.

The school is permitted to ask parents and caregivers to make a donation to cover the cost of overnight camps. It is important to note though, that if the school is unable to cover the operating costs of a camp then it may not go ahead.

Are extra-curricular activities deemed to be part of the learning curriculum?

No

Any activity that is not directly related to learning in the classroom is not considered part of the learning curriculum and therefore may incur a fee or charge to parents and caregivers. For example; involvement in sports and recreation, arts and cultural groups and activities, special groups - gifted & talented, music group, etc. The important distinction here is that these activities are extra to a student's normal learning curriculum.

Is the Operations Grant plus the \$150 per enrolled student, sufficient to cover curriculum costs and operating costs for the school?

No

Unfortunately the cost to provide a rich and diverse learning experience for all students far exceeds what the school receives through the operation grant plus the \$150 per enrolled student. We will continue to address this through careful budgeting and prioritising expenditure, as well as exploring additional income streams.

Can parents and caregivers donate money to the school voluntarily?

Yes

The school is more than happy to receive any donations from parents and caregivers, friends and supporters of Papamoa College.

Still got a question?

Please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions or require further explanation.