



Aberdeen School Donations 2020

School Donations: As many of you may be aware the Government, as part of this year's budget, offered decile 1-7 schools funding of \$150 per student for 2020, in lieu of parent donations. The Board of Trustees considered this Government offer and have accepted this funding for next year. As a result of this, Aberdeen School will not be asking parents for school donations in 2020.

The funding which we will receive in January, will cover all school day trips (transport costs and entry fees) to places like the Zoo, Museum, Mystery Creek, Kiwi House, Observatory, Waterworld and other class trip destinations. All bus costs for inter-school sporting events, winter sport's field days, Maeroa orientation visits and other various senior and junior school activities will be funded by the school. Entry fee costs for school curriculum activities such as Dance NZ Made, Jump Jam, EPro 8 Challenge will be paid for by this funding. Most other school activities that eventuate throughout the school year will be covered by this Government funding as well.

The Ministry of Education has informed us that the funding will not cover the cost of overnight school camps. We will continue to ask families to contribute to the cost of Year 6 camp, the Year 5 Kelly Tarlton's trip as well as our partial immersion/bilingual classes' Marae Noho. Fundraising already takes place at school for all of these events to assist families with the cost. Aberdeen School always ensures that all students in these year levels/classes have the financial opportunity to attend.

The Government funding does not cover individual school stationery and school uniform items. Optional sports activities that happen outside of school hours such as netball, hockey, basketball, softball and touch rugby will remain user pays. Private music lessons will also remain user pays.

We are grateful for the assistance this funding provides for our students and their families next year 😊

If you have any questions, please contact either the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Lesley Lomas, Principal

