

What is the school donation?

The School donation is set annually by the Board of Trustees.

Although this is termed “contribution” it must be emphasised that without these monies it would be impossible to offer the quality of education required by our parents and staff from the funds provided by the Ministry of Education for any additional requirements.

This money goes towards supporting essential operating (eg power) and resourcing (eg classroom reading materials) costs.

We are able to offer payment schedules over the course of the year to make payment easier on you, please discuss this with the office in confidence.

Why is this required?

Albany Primary School is a decile 9 school. This is decided by the Ministry of Education and based upon statistics from our zone area. This means that our school receives less funding from the government than decile 1-8 schools as the expectation is that we will receive this money from our school donations. The difference in the Special Education Grant (funding for special needs students) is \$66.92 per student for a decile 1 school, and \$34.43 per student for a decile 10 school. This is equivalent to approximately \$20,000 per difference in decile rating. The Government (ie Ministry of Education) provide an operations grant. This pays for the school basics (ie power, water, rates, building maintenance, teacher salaries). T

he school runs a deficit budget every year as all the “extras” such as computers, teacher resources, eg junior readers, library books, maths equipment are supported by additional locally raised funds (FOS, a-thons, etc). T