



**Roebuck**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Roebuck Primary School Kindergarten Information Booklet



School Vision: Working together with high expectations; through quality teaching and leadership, Roebuck Primary School students will be positive, resilient, inclusive and successful citizens.

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## Principal's Welcome

On behalf of the staff, School Board and P&C of Roebuck Primary School, I welcome you to our school community.

Roebuck Primary School through the Early Years Learning Framework works to create strong and rewarding partnerships with families to provide your child with a vibrant and responsive curriculum in a safe learning environment. The Kindergarten program recognises, responds to and caters for the academic, social, emotional, physical and health needs of each child. Fundamental to the Framework is a view of children's lives as characterised by *Belonging, Being and Becoming*. From before birth children are connected to family, community, culture and place.

In the early childhood setting, curriculum means 'all the interactions, experiences, activities, routines and events, planned and unplanned that occur in an environment designed to foster children's learning and development' (adapted from Te Whariki).

The following five principles reflect Roebuck Primary School's approach to early childhood education.

- 1 Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- 2 Partnerships
- 3 High expectations and equity
- 4 Respect for diversity
- 5 Ongoing learning and reflective practice.

We look forward to establishing a partnership with you and your family so we can ensure your child has every opportunity to extend and enrich their learning.



Kelvin Shem  
PRINCIPAL



### Discover, Investigate Play and Learn

We offer a secure, safe and stimulating learning program for your child. We respect the individual needs and requirements of each child and strive to work in partnership with you to provide an open, nurturing educational environment

## Essential Information

Principal:	Mr Kelvin Shem
Deputy Principal:	Mrs Louise Bowtell Mrs Micailey Ross
Early Years Coordinator:	Miss Sherrie Featherstone
School Phone:	9192 3377
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School Postal Address:	PMB 4000 BROOME WA 6725
Email:	<a href="mailto:roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au">roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au</a>
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Corporate Services Manager:	Mrs April Oswald
School Officers:	Ms Dixie Bartle Ms Chelsea Cook
School Dental Clinic Dental Therapist:	Ms Sandie McCaig - 9195 3022
School Nurse:	Broome Community and Child Health Service - 9194 2340

### 2019 Term Dates

#### Semester 1

*Term 1 Monday 4 February - Friday 12 April*

*Break Saturday 13 April - Sunday 28 April*

*Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July*

*Break Saturday 6 July - Sunday 21 July*

#### Semester 2

*Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September*

*Break Saturday 28 September - Sunday 13 October*

*Term 4 Monday 14 October - Thursday 19 December*

## Roebuck Primary School

### Our Philosophy

At Roebuck Primary School each child is valued with inherent strengths and abilities that we nurture and celebrate. We establish and maintain a positive, happy, safe and stimulating environment where all children can learn effectively and succeed emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially.

Our image of the child is one of richness and capability; full of keen curiosity and actively seeking to answer questions about their world.



### Curriculum

The Early Years curriculum is based upon and reflects the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF).

Through the Framework's five learning goals staff will assist your child to develop

- A strong sense of self
- Connections with their world
- A strong sense of wellbeing
- Confidence and involvement in their learning
- Effective communication skills.

### Practices of Early Childhood Education

The principles of early childhood teaching (pedagogy) and learning underpin our practices to promote children's learning by:

- Adopting holistic approaches
- Being responsive to children
- Planning and implementing meaningful learning through play based teaching and learning
- Intentional teaching
- Creating physical and social learning environments that have a positive impact on children's learning
- Valuing the cultural and social contexts of children and their families
- Providing for continuity in experiences and enabling children to have successful transitions
- Encouraging children to work in small groups and learn from one another with input from teachers and parents
- Valuing early literacy, numeracy and ICT skills which are encouraged, valued and developed through a wide range of learning experiences
- Offering variety, extension, support and assessment to support each child in achieving learning outcomes (Early Years Learning Framework 2009)
- Having fun.



## What Your Child Needs to Bring

1. A large school bag that will hold work, a small lunch box, change of clothes and other items to be taken home.
2. A piece of fruit, vegetable or healthy food such as cheese, crackers to share with the other children at morning fruit time.
3. A nutritional lunch. Please place lunch boxes in the fridge. NB: Cooler bags are unnecessary and take up too much fridge space.
4. A water bottle, clearly named.
5. A library bag.
6. Please dress your child in school uniform. As some educational activities can be messy, and in case of toileting accidents, we suggest you keep a full change of clothes in your child's bag.
7. A wide-brimmed or legionnaire's hat to be kept at school. Roebuck Primary School supports the 'No Hat No Play Sunsmart Policy'.
8. A box of tissues.

**Please label all personal belongings with your child's full name.**

## Attendance

Students in Kindergarten attend 30 hours per fortnight. To facilitate this in whole days Kindergarten classes operate on a fortnightly timetable. Full day sessions start at 8:00am and finish at 2:00pm.

***Attendance in the Kindergarten program is expected and students are to attend on the nominated days. Staff implement engaging and purposeful programs for the students and it is highly beneficial they have regular attendance to ensure they gain maximum benefit from the program.***

Succeeding in school requires developing good habits and attendance is one of the most important. For all children, learning to attend school regularly can help them develop the necessary academic skills, social competencies and the personal qualities of persistence, perseverance and social well-being.

Parents play a key role in getting their children to school on time every day. See below for some tips on getting your child to school:

- Send your child to school every day, starting in Kindergarten, to teach them that attendance matters
- Don't let your child miss school without a good reason
- Try to avoid medical appointments during school hours
- Avoid vacations during school term
- Work with the teacher and principal on problems your child is experiencing
- Turn to other families who can help you with dropping off or picking up
- Create routines and stick to them
- Set a regular bed time and morning routine to get ready for school
- Find your own ways to reward good attendance. You know best what motivates your child
- Be open and honest with the school
- Make sure the school has your up-to-date contact information
- Seek medical help when required. Anything from asthma to a bad bout of head lice can keep your child out of school.



If your child will be or has been absent, you can send an absent note via:

The school email: [roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:roebuck.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or The "Report an Absence" quick link on the front page of the school website [www.roebuck.wa.edu.au](http://www.roebuck.wa.edu.au)

## Kindergarten Transition

At the commencement of the school year there is a two week “phasing in” period.

*The Kindergarten program operates on a fortnightly timetable.*

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	4 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–11:00am	5 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–11:00am	6 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–11:00am	7 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–11:00am	8 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–11:00am
2	11 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–11:00am	12 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–11:00am	13 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–11:00am	14 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–11:00am	15 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–11:00am
3	18 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	19 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	20 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	21 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	22 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm
4	25 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	26 February <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	27 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	28 February <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	1 March <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm
5	4 March LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	5 March <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	6 March <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	7 March <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	8 March <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm
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9	1 April <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	2 April <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	3 April <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	4 April <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	5 April <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm
10	8 April <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	9 April <b>Group A</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	10 April <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	11 April <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm	12 April <b>Group B</b> 8:00am–2:00pm

**During Week One and Week Two of Term One, children will attend from 8:00am to 11:00am. Doors will be open at 7:45am every day. From 11:00am to 2:00pm Parent and Teacher meeting times will be available.**

Roebuck Primary School's motto is 'Working Together' and the staff have a strong commitment to collaboration. To support this, time in the program is set aside to facilitate planning and preparation for the Early Childhood Teachers.

## Kindergarten Daily Timetable

7:45am	Classroom Doors Open
8:00am	School Begins
9:30 - 10:30am	Shared Fruit and Outdoor Learning Activities
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch and outdoor Play
2:00pm	Home Time

*Please note outdoor learning times can differ slightly between classes*

## Entering the Early Childhood Centres

Parents/caregivers bring their child into the Kindergarten centre between 7:45am and 7:55am so classes may commence promptly at 8:00am. To support your child to grow into a confident individual we ask that upon arrival **your child** places their fruit in the fruit bowl and lunch box in the fridge.

Please settle your child at an activity and when you are both comfortable, say goodbye and reassure your child that you will return to collect them at the end of the session. If your child becomes overly upset the staff will contact you to discuss the situation.

## Collection Of Children

Please collect your child promptly at the end of the session; students will be released from class at 2:00pm. If you are running late please phone the school so a message can be relayed to the class teacher to ensure your child does not worry or become upset.

Staff must be notified if someone other than custodial parents/caregivers will be collecting your child. A Parent Communication Book can be found at the classroom door - please use this to record pick up arrangements. If you wish a sibling under 18 years of age to collect your child written permission must be given to the school.

## Parent Involvement

Children benefit greatly from the individual attention of caring adults. Parents play an important and valuable role in the education of their child. We welcome you to become involved in your child's education by:

- Reading the noticeboard and newsletters
- Collecting 'recyclable' materials and bringing it into the centre. (A list of suitable items will be provided by the class teacher)
- Discussing any problems or concerns with your child's teacher. Informally or by making an appointment
- Offering to share any hobbies, interests or expertise you may have
- Supporting other parents
- Taking an interest in your child's classroom by asking them questions and looking at classroom displays
- Assisting with any home tasks eg show and tell, writing bags, home reading
- Volunteering for parent help.

## Communication Between Home and Kindy

**Class Notices** will be issued electronically via Connect. Notifications of Connect activity can be received via email or on your smart device by downloading the Connect Now App.

**School Newsletters** are published three times a term in weeks 2, 6 and 10 and are distributed electronically via Connect.

**Parent/Teacher Discussions** – these may occur in two formats:

- Informal - Before or after sessions.
- Formal - Where you or the teacher will make an appointment at a suitable time.

**Parent Communication Book** - please note any changes in pick-up arrangements.

**Parent Information** - pamphlets and articles of interest are available for parents to take home.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or the learning program please speak to your child's teacher.

## Connect



We are a Connect School. Connect is an integrated online environment developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. We utilise Connect to inform parents and caregivers of school happenings as well as updates from the classrooms. All student **reports** and newsletters are distributed via Connect.

When your child commences school, you will be emailed an invitation to join Connect, which will include secure login details containing a P-number (Parent Number which is your Username) and Password. To access the browser-version of Connect, open a browser on your computer, type the address [connect.det.wa.edu.au](http://connect.det.wa.edu.au) in the address bar and complete the login.

If you have multiple children attending different public schools you only need one login.

## Connect Now App

Connect Now is an app for mobile and tablet devices that allows you to receive **notifications** from Connect on your device. You can manage the type of notifications you receive by logging onto Connect through your browser and changing your settings in the **My Connect** tab. The Connect Now app is available on iOS and Android devices.

## Website

Visit the Roebuck Primary School website at [www.roebuckps.wa.edu.au](http://www.roebuckps.wa.edu.au) for information about the school and to view the term planner, newsletters and important dates.

## Facebook



**Like** and **Follow** our facebook page @roebuckps to keep up to date and to celebrate the Roebuck Primary School community.





## Reporting to Parents

At the end of Term Two and Term Four your child's report will be available via Connect. In Term Three families are invited to the whole school Open Night. Throughout the year parents are welcome to view their child's learning on display within the classroom and/or arrange a meeting to discuss your child's schooling with the class teacher.

## Change of Address

To ensure the school is able to contact parent/caregivers in a prompt and timely manner please notify our school's front office staff of any change of address, telephone number or emergency contact.

## Parent Roster

Parents and family are invited to assist in their child's class on a regular basis through a voluntary roster system. To allow the children time to settle into the program, parent help rosters will be used at the teacher's discretion. Younger siblings are welcome to attend but remain the parent's responsibility.

A parent roster can be found on your classroom notice board. Each class will have a different way of using parent helpers. Please refer to the parent roster for preferred times. Staff are grateful for any help and support you provide.

**Parent Helpers are requested to sign the "Sign In" Book in your child's class and wear a "Parent Helper" badge when on roster.**

Parents working with children in the classroom are required to complete a Department of Education "Confidential Declaration" which is provided in the Visitors Book or provide a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) number.

**If you have any special skills, interests or ideas that might enhance the program please inform your child's teacher.**

## Kindy Home Reading Program

Thanks to generous P&C funding we have been able to implement a Home Reading program for Kindergarten students. Commencing Term 2, each week students receive a new reading folder containing a picture book and a set of corresponding question cards. These folders are distributed on the first day of your child's school week and are due back the following first day of your child's school week.

The aim of this program is not for students to read the books but for families to have the opportunity to:

- Share books with their child
- Ask questions about the book
- Develop key oral language skills
- Foster comprehension
- Help your child develop a love of reading.

Students will not receive a new reading folder until the previous folder has been returned.

## Library

The children will be invited to select books from the school library to take home in their library bags. Please remind your child how to correctly handle and care for these books.

**Children will not be able to borrow a new book until they have returned their previous book.**

The Library is open from 7:45am to 2:00pm Monday to Friday.

## Hats and Sunscreen

Please provide your child with a Roebuck Primary School wide-brimmed or legionnaire's hat and apply sunscreen before entering the centre.

Roebuck Primary School supports the 'No Hat No Play Sunsmart Policy'.

## Lunchtime

Before outside play the children will be asked to wash their hands and take their lunch boxes to sit and eat in an area outside. The children will be asked to eat the main part of their lunch first eg a sandwich. Any food that is not eaten will be sent home so that parents can see how much food is left.

Roebuck Primary School has a number of students with allergies. The school does not prohibit any food items but encourages 'allergy aware' practices. Further information will be sent home at various times of the year to provide the most current information and practices.

## Immunisation

A copy of your child's Medicare Immunisation History Statement needs to be provided to the Administration Office. Parents are asked to advise the school as a student's immunisation status is updated. This is a Department of Education in conjunction with the Department of Health requirement.

## Health

**If your child is unwell please keep them at home so that they can rest in a quiet and comfortable environment. Staff do not have the facilities to care for sick children therefore they should remain at home until fully recovered. This minimises the risk of cross-contamination between others. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.**

## School Nurse

The School Health Nurse will conduct routine hearing and vision checks during the year.

## Medical Action Plan

If your child has an identified illness or medical condition, please liaise with the class teacher and school administration to have a **Medical Action Plan** established prior to the student commencing or returning to school. This allows us to implement the necessary procedures and practices to support the student's health and wellbeing.

If your child requires medication whilst attending Kindergarten a **Medication Consent** form is required to be completed by you at the front office. When required, a member of the Administration will give the medicine to your child. **Do not leave medicine in your child's bag.**


## Head Lice Policy

The most effective way to control head lice infestation is for parents to routinely inspect and treat head lice. Staff will notify all parents if a case of head lice is reported in their class. There are several ways head lice can be treated. Information can be obtained from the Health Department website below. [http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F\\_I/Head-lice](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Head-lice)

## Healthy Choices

Schools have a vital role to play in helping to reduce the world wide focus on childhood obesity. Nutritional and physical activity messages are being taught in the classroom by modelling healthy food and drink choices.

Children should eat a wide range of foods so that they have the energy for learning and growing. An easy-to-follow “traffic light” system assists to help plan menus full of healthy, nutritious and affordable menus. The standards require that foods in the:

 GREEN category is encouraged. Schools should aim to fill their menus with these healthy foods.

 AMBER foods should be selected carefully and eaten in moderation.

 RED food and drinks are off the menu and will not be available in public schools.

*This policy is frequently reviewed by the Department of Education, reviewed and a position statement endorsed by Roebuck Primary School Board.*

<b>GREEN - FILL THE MENU</b> <b>Minimum 60%</b> Encourage and promote EVERYDAY choices	<b>AMBER - SELECT CAREFULLY</b> <b>Maximum 40%</b> Do not let these foods dominate the menu and choose small serves	<b>RED - OFF THE MENU</b> <b>NOT AVAILABLE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cereal foods — wholegrain cereals, pasta, noodles, rice, cous cous, quinoa</li> <li>• A variety of bread types including wholegrain/ wholemeal</li> <li>• Vegetables and legumes e.g. stuffed potatoes, corn-on-cob, baked beans, 4 bean mix, garden salads, potato salad, coleslaw (using reduced fat dressings )</li> <li>• Fruit, fresh and frozen, whole, fruit salad, sliced fruit</li> <li>• Fruit canned in natural juice</li> <li>• A variety of sandwich/roll fillings, preferably served with salad e.g.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- egg</li> <li>- reduced fat cheese</li> <li>- tuna, canned in spring water or brine</li> <li>- lean meats i.e. roast beef</li> <li>- yeast spreads</li> <li>- hummus</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lean meats, fish, poultry</li> <li>• Meals<sup>#</sup>, especially those with vegetables e.g. pasta bake, curry and rice, frittata, soup, sushi, rice paper rolls</li> <li>• Reduced fat dairy products including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- plain milk</li> <li>- flavoured milk (375mL or less)</li> <li>- cheese</li> <li>- plain and flavoured yoghurt</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Plain water</li> <li>• Plain mineral water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savoury breads such as garlic, herb and pizza bases</li> <li>• Reduced fat pastry items<sup>#</sup></li> <li>• Frankfurts and sausages for hot dogs and/or sausage sizzles<sup>#</sup></li> <li>• Savoury commercial products e.g. fish, chicken, potato portions, pizza<sup>#</sup></li> <li>• Hamburger patties<sup>#</sup></li> <li>• Processed meat e.g. ham, skin-free processed chicken</li> <li>• Assorted cakes/biscuits or muffins<sup>#</sup></li> <li>• Sweet and savoury snack foods<sup>#</sup></li> <li>• Plain dried fruit</li> <li>• Ice creams and icy poles<sup>#</sup></li> <li>• Reduced fat flavoured milk (more than 375mL and less than 600mL)</li> <li>• High schools only: reduced fat coffee flavoured milk (375mL or less)</li> <li>• Full fat dairy products e.g. plain milk, yoghurt, cheese</li> <li>• Full fat flavoured milk (375mL or less)</li> <li>• 99% fruit juices (250mL or less) and no added sugar</li> <li>• Dairy desserts<sup>#</sup> e.g. reduced fat custard, ice cream and mousse (milk/ milk alternative listed as first ingredient)</li> </ul> <p><i>NOTE: Reduced fat dairy recommended for children over the age of 2 years</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-fat pastry items</li> <li>• Deep fried food of any description</li> <li>• Sweet sandwich fillings including jam, nut spreads, honey or confectionery sprinkles</li> <li>• High fat sandwich meats including polony and salami</li> <li>• Confectionery e.g. chocolate, liquorice, cough lollies, fruit juice based jellies</li> <li>• Sweet or savoury snack items that do not meet the criteria e.g. potato chips</li> <li>• Soft drinks, cordial, sports drinks</li> <li>• Reduced fat flavoured milk (more than 600mL)</li> <li>• Reduced fat coffee flavoured milk drink (more than 375mL)</li> <li>• Full fat coffee flavoured milks all sizes</li> <li>• High caffeine drinks e.g. drinks containing Guarana</li> <li>• Chocolate coated and premium style ice-creams</li> <li>• Croissants, doughnuts, cream filled or iced buns/cakes, sweet pastries, slices</li> <li>• Fruit juice (more than 250mL) and/or with added sugar or sweetener</li> <li>• Water flavoured with fruit juice, sugar and/or sweetener</li> </ul>

<sup>#</sup>Only those meeting FOCiS/Star Choice™ nutrient criteria

## Birthdays

We enjoy celebrating the children's birthdays. You are most welcome to bring a cake for the children to share. Cupcakes are a great alternative to a cake and are easy for the children to eat. Check with your child's classroom teacher for student numbers and to confirm correct information regarding any student allergies.

## Uniform Policy

Roebuck Primary School Board has established a dress code for all students attending the school. The School Board believes a school dress code:

- Fosters and enhances the public image of the school
- Assists in building school and team spirit
- Ensures students are safely dressed for specific school activities
- Encourages equity among students, and
- Prepares students for work, as many work places have dress and safety codes.

Roebuck Primary School Dress Clothes Requirements:

- Maroon polo t-shirt with collar
- Shorts, skorts, long pants/trackpants or skirts in black
- Dress in school approved check fabric
- Wide-brimmed or legionnaire's hat
- Faction t-shirts in appropriate faction colour.

*All non-school board endorsed clothing worn at school must be plain and free of slogans or logos. Shorts and skorts must be of an appropriate length and leggings are not permitted.*

Roebuck Primary School uniforms can be purchased from **Totally Workwear**, 9192 7677, located at 5 Haynes Street, Broome. Opening hours are

Monday - Thursday	8:00am - 5:00pm
Friday	8:00am - 4:30pm
Saturday	8:30am - 12:00pm

## Shoe Policy

The children will be asked to remove their shoes before climbing on all outdoor equipment and playing in the sandpit. Please ensure that your child is able to remove and put on their shoes independently. Shoes can be taken off before entering the classroom in the morning.

## Positive Behaviour Strategies

At the beginning of each school year, the class rules and boundaries are discussed with the children. The children are regularly provided with positive reinforcement and encouraged when displaying appropriate behaviour.

All staff have a classroom-based behaviour management policy that reflects the Roebuck Primary School whole school Behaviour Management Policy. This will be explained at the parent meeting at the commencement of the school year.

Kindergarten staff will discuss with parents any inappropriate student behaviour that has occurred during the day.

Children thrive when families, educators and schools and the wider community work together in partnership. To find out more please visit <https://www.education.gov.au/parent-engagement-children-s-learning>



## Items to Collect and Donate to the Early Childhood Centres

There are many items that can be provided from home that support the high consumable activity base in Kindergarten. Class teachers will at regular intervals request items that may include: wrapping paper, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, cards, pots, pans, wool, string, corks, buttons and costume jewellery.

Please ensure that all donated items are cleaned before bringing them to the Early Childhood Centres.

## Voluntary Contributions and Charges

The Roebuck Primary School Board endorsed on 30 July 2018 the schedule of Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2019. The schedule is broken into sections and will allow you to calculate all costs that may be incurred throughout the school year.

The total amount of contributions parents/ caregivers are being asked to pay has been set at \$60.00 per student which is in line with the School Education Regulations 2000.

Money collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the curriculum learning areas. While the contributions are voluntary the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contribution to the cost of supplementing funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth governments. If all parents pay the contributions the school will be able to provide enhanced and more stimulating activities/programmes for each child. It is therefore vital for the school to receive your family's contribution. Your contribution will be used to supplement school funding for the purchase of resources needed in the provision of the learning program activities.

A breakdown of estimated charges for your child's participation in excursions, incursions, activities for 2019 have been included below and payment will be requested during the school year when costs and participation by students is confirmed. Details on charges collected in previous years has helped guide the 2019 estimate of charges. The amounts shown represent the maximum charged for scheduled activities in 2019. Charges are those that are required for your child to participate in a "user pay" situation.

The table below gives you the breakdown of where we will direct your voluntary contribution to and possible optional charges.

2019

### CHARGES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS K-6 Curriculum Area COST

The Arts	\$10.00
English	\$10.00
Mathematics	\$10.00
Science	\$10.00
Physical & Health Education	\$10.00
Library	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

Cash or cheques (payable to Roebuck Primary School) are accepted, **EFTPOS** or a direct credit to our school bank account:-

A/c Name      Roebuck Primary School  
Bank          Commonwealth Bank  
BSB          066 505  
Account No.    10134441  
Reference      Please put your child's name

### CHARGES

#### Extra Cost Options    Estimated Maximum Cost

Excursions/Visiting Artists	K-6	\$120.00
Interschool Sport	1-6	\$60.00
Swimming	1-6	\$90.00
School Camp	6	*\$650.00
Leadership Camp	5-6	\$60.00
Graduation	6	\$55.00
PEAC	5-6	\$200.00

\*\$650 is the expected total cost inclusive of all activities, accommodation, transport and food for a five day camp. Parent fundraising has historically reduced the contribution to approximately \$300 per student. This amount per child per annum is therefore dependent and directly related to the effort and energy of the fundraising.

Prior to camp, payment plans may be negotiated with the Principal.

**Payment will be requested during the school year when costs and participation by students is confirmed**

Voluntary Contributions and Charges were approved at School Board meeting held on 30 July 2018.

## Roebuck Primary Parents and Citizens

The Roebuck Primary School P&C is a group who want to improve the educational experiences for children at our school through commitment, support and fundraising.

The P&C has achieved a great deal - over the past five years, raising \$130,000 which has gone towards:

- Fridges in EVERY classroom
- Interactive Boards in 90% of classrooms
- Classroom computers
- Math and English resources including home access to software
- Student leadership
- End of year book awards
- Early Childhood play/sport equipment
- Movie Screen
- Library games and resources
- Outside fans
- Outside event lighting
- Outside play equipment
- Outside resources to provide a more engaging school environment.
- Totem Poles

These resources will need to be replaced as time goes by and the P&C are looking to the future to continue their support to our wonderful students and school.

Members are involved in:

- Providing services like student banking
- Ensuring student safety through Roadwise
- Seeking funds and resources through sponsorship and fundraising

Meetings are conducted twice a term on a Tuesday, commencing at 6:30pm in the staffroom. The meetings are high on visual impact, information and decision making, but low on passing around bits of paper and negativity.

All members of the school community are encouraged to attend the meetings and support the committee. Dates of meetings are noted on the term planners and in newsletters. The Roebuck Primary School Committee includes:

<b>President:</b>	Belinda Allister	0401 588 788 roebuck.pandc@gmail.com
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jenna McArdle	0409 374 692
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Yolande Ledgerwood	0417 979 940
<b>Secretary:</b>	Katie Joder	0438 973 494



## P&C

Parents and friends of the school community are welcome to join the Parents and Citizens in supporting our wonderful students and school.

