

8 November 2023

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

I would like to provide you with additional information to support the Materials and Services Charge poll that our School Governing Council emailed on Wednesday 8 November 2023.

In conducting the poll, the Governing Council is seeking your support for our school's 2024 Materials and Services charge of \$345.00 for Reception to Year 6 (no increase from 2023) and \$470.00 for Years 7 – 10 (no increase from 2023) to be compulsory, and therefore recoverable. This means if the charge is not paid, we can legally recover the debt.

To support families who may be experiencing financial pressures it was decided not to pass on a CPI increase for 2024 despite the school paying increased prices for consumables and equipment from suppliers. The 2024 Government Rebate will further reduce the charge by \$100 per student which will be applied on invoicing in 2024.

Riverbanks College B-12 has determined that the Materials and Services charge stated above will enable us to provide adequate resources, technology and educational programs enabling our students to engage in quality learning experiences across the curriculum. We believe the proposed fee aligns or is cheaper than schools in the north of Adelaide who have similar contemporary and modern facilities and equipment. It is important to note that if the community does not fully support the proposed Materials and Services charges, it will significantly affect our capacity to provide the same level of financial support and resources in the critical areas of education listed below.

Materials and Services charges will support students to access:

- Subsidised school programs, incursions, and excursions
- Upkeep of state-of-the-art facilities, equipment, and additional purchases
- Current and emerging technologies
- Connected learning spaces enhancing collaboration
- Maintenance of full-size courts and ovals that are AFL sized and quality
- Upkeep of gymnasium with full-sized basketball courts and air-conditioning
- 300 seat theatre and performance spaces
- Contemporary industry standard kitchens and workshops
- Curriculum to prepare students for life after school
- Student leadership and wellbeing programs
- Lumination – virtual reality learning programs
- Additional equipment and resources to enhance learning programs.

I thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Yours sincerely



Joe Priolo
Principal