

School Donation Consultation for 2020

The Government announced in May 2019 that deciles 1-7 schools may apply for funding at \$150 per student on the condition that the applicant school no longer asks families for donations at the beginning of the year and during the year for contributions to curriculum costs like swimming or class trips (schools would still be allowed to ask for school camp donations).

Boulcott School is a decile 7 school and is eligible for this funding. Now the Board of Trustees has to decide whether to accept the Government funding, or continue to accept donations from families. Both options have positives and negatives.

At Boulcott School, we have had a strong tradition of parents paying their school donation which has helped us provide additional resources, teachers, teacher aides and opportunities to enhance the learning programmes.

Current school donations

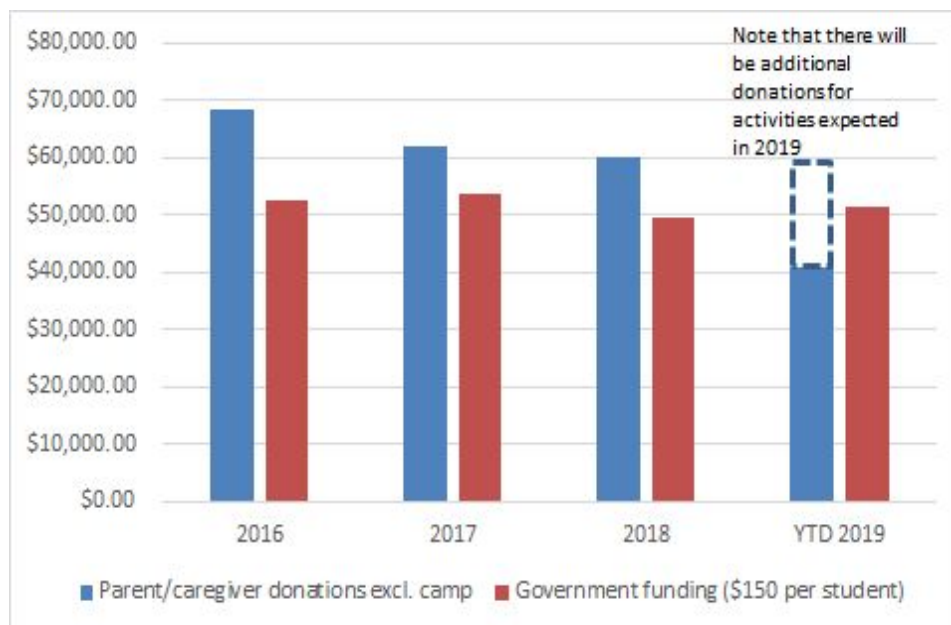
Boulcott School currently asks for a family donation at the start of each year based on:

- One child \$200
- Two children \$400
- Three or more children \$480

In addition, donations are also requested as activity fees to contribute to the cost of a range of activities throughout the year. These include swimming, class trips, visiting shows, the Life Education bus, some sports opportunities and so on.

The first graph below shows the difference if we had received the Government funding (red bars) instead of donations over the past three years (blue bars):

Boulcott School historical donations vs equivalent government funding

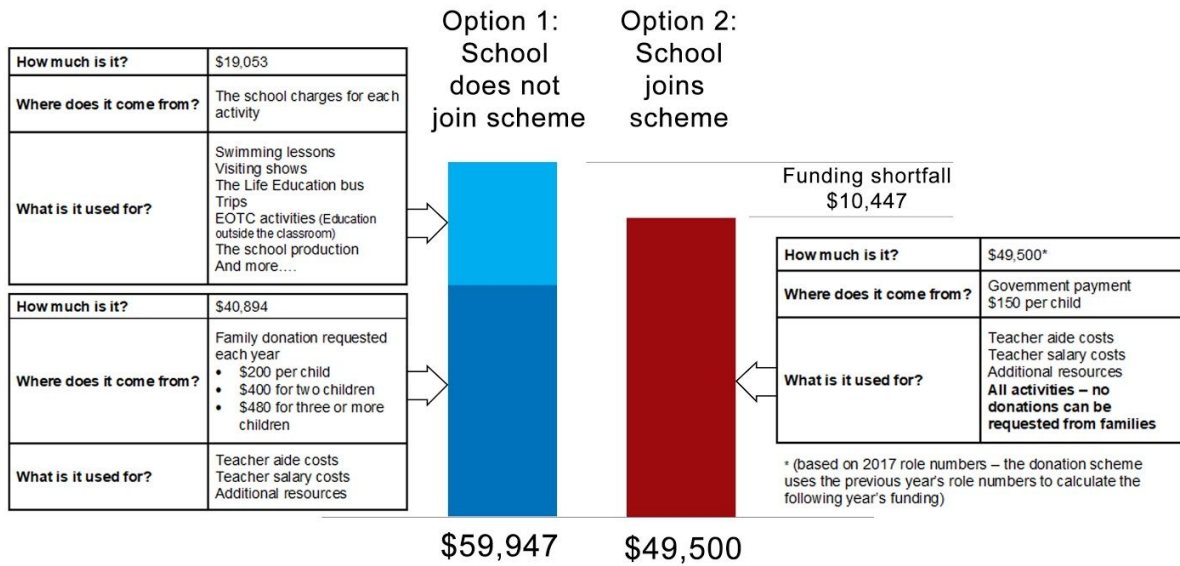


On page 2 are the two options the Board of Trustees need to make a decision on before November 2019. The key difference between the two options is that if we accept the Government funding (Option 2) there will be a shortfall of school funding, but we put less demand on our school community for donations. This means we will have to reduce the scope of our school resources and curriculum activities currently funded by donations.

This graph below shows how donations are used in relation to the proposed government scheme. It is based on figures from 2018.

School donation scheme

(Based on actual figures from 2018)



Donation funds per year - excluding camp

| Option 1: School does not accept the Government scheme. | Option 2: School accepts the Government scheme. |
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| <p>We would continue our current donations policy. This is the annual school donation and contributions to cover the costs of additional curriculum activities.</p> | <p>The school would receive \$150 per child for 2020, amounting to \$54,450 - approximately \$10,000 less than option 1.</p> <p>Unfortunately, this option would probably mean we reduce the number and scope of curriculum activities. For example, it may mean either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming will be removed from the Physical Education programme OR • The number of class trips and additional opportunities that incur a cost will be significantly reduced. |

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING.

To learn more about this Government Scheme and the possible options for Boulcott School, the Board of Trustees will be holding an information evening on **Monday 21st October, 7pm in the School Library**. We encourage you to attend so you can receive additional information and share your views on the two options.

We will also be distributing an online form for you to complete after the evening so you can provide feedback. This feedback will be valuable to the Board when making their decision for funding in 2020.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 21st October.

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