



2021 Kelburn Normal School Donations

19 February 2021

Dear parents and caregivers

We are writing to request an annual donation of \$380 per pupil and explain why the school relies on donations to support its operational budget.

As a decile 10 school Kelburn Normal receives the lowest possible level of funding from the government to run our school. For the same reason Kelburn Normal School is not able to receive funding under the Ministry of Education's Donations Scheme which is available to schools that are decile 7 and below.

In previous years the school has been fortunate to receive additional income from the international student programme. For example last year the school received just under \$100,000 additional income from this programme. Given the ongoing situation with Covid 19 the school is not expecting any income from the international student programme in 2021.

By making a donation you are assisting us to continue to provide higher levels of education than we could not provide were we to use only the government-funded baseline.

What costs do whānau donations go towards?

Whānau donations are used to support the everyday running of the school and they contribute significantly to the school's ability to offer rich and extensive learning opportunities for our children.

In 2021 a significant proportion of the whānau donation will be used to provide additional teaching and learning support to work with individuals and small groups of learners and specialist staff to enrich the school's programme - choirs, kapa haka, te reo and ensembles. Additional staff can be maintained only if the school raises additional revenue either through donations or other fundraising.

The whānau donation also tops up spending on discretionary items like art materials, digital technology and sports equipment as needed. The donations also support the school to replace assets as needed. Last year the donations enabled the school to purchase 36 iPads and this year we have budgeted to replace 50 Chrome books that were purchased in 2015.

Request for activity donations

During the year we will also ask for donations to cover the actual cost of activities your child will experience this year. These donations cover the costs associated with swimming, camps, trips, visits and other activities. Seeking donations to cover these costs means the school can provide more opportunities and a greater variety of learning experiences outside the classroom than if we were reliant on just the government funding we receive.

All donations received are eligible for a 33% tax rebate.

A number of families choose to pay by regular instalments rather than lump sum. If you would like to discuss payment options or you are experiencing hardship please email Loraine Best at loraineb@kelburnnormal.school.nz or call the office. All enquiries will be kept confidential.

Please contact the Board by emailing bot@kelburnnormal.school.nz if you have any questions or comments about these decisions.

The school is very fortunate to have a high proportion of whānau who contribute and we thank you for your continued support.

Ngā mihi nui
Kelburn Normal School Board of Trustees