



Canberra High School
— ESTABLISHED 1938 —

Dear Parents and Carers,

The ACT Government provides schools with funding for essential services such as staffing, utilities, maintenance, furniture and basic educational supplies. However, voluntary and subject contributions play an important role in enhancing teaching and learning by enabling schools to provide enriched programs, additional resources and improved facilities for students.

We invite families to support our learning programs in 2026 by making a voluntary financial contribution. Every dollar received is used to directly benefit students and to support a full and rich learning experience.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions support whole-school initiatives and are used to enhance learning opportunities for all students. These contributions may support:

- Literacy, numeracy and learning resources
- Digital technologies and specialist equipment
- Arts, sports and outdoor learning resources
- Subsidising incursions, excursions and enrichment activities
- Upgrades to learning environments, playgrounds and shared spaces
- Student wellbeing initiatives and inclusive programs

All voluntary contributions are **100% voluntary**, and no student will be disadvantaged if a family is unable to make a contribution. Any amount, large or small, is gratefully accepted.

Suggested voluntary contribution amounts (per year):

- per student
- per family with more than one child enrolled

Subject Contributions

Subject contributions are additional voluntary contributions that apply to students enrolled in subjects with a practical or consumable component, particularly in the secondary and senior years.



These contributions are used specifically to purchase materials and consumables required for learning, such as:

- Materials for wood, metal and design technologies
- Ingredients for food studies and hospitality
- Art, music, photography, ceramics and textiles supplies
- Resources for science and outdoor education subjects

Subject contribution costs vary depending on a student's subject selections and are invoiced per semester once classes are confirmed.

Trust Funds

Families may also choose to contribute to our Trust Fund, which provide ongoing support for school infrastructure and resources.

- **Building Trust Fund** – supports the maintenance and development of school facilities (tax deductible)

Please contact the school if you are making a Trust Fund contribution so that receipts can be issued correctly for taxation purposes.

Invoicing and Payment

Invoices for voluntary and subject contributions will be issued during Term 1 once student enrolments and subject selections are confirmed. Receipts are provided for all contributions.

Payment options include:

- SentralPay / Parent Portal (preferred option)
- EFTPOS or credit card (in person or by phone)
- Instalment plans are available upon request

If making the full suggested contribution is not possible, families are encouraged to contribute an amount that suits their circumstances. All contributions are confidential, and the school is understanding of financial hardship.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community and for helping us provide the best possible learning opportunities for all students.