Dear Parents,

The role of a teacher and extra-curricular activities

The main role of a teacher is to teach. Our brief, for want of another term, is to cover all key learning areas: English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Physical Development, Health and Physical Education, Human Society and It’s Environment and Creative Arts. There is a certain percentage of time each week that is designated to each of these KLAs.

Teachers are on class, 5 days a week, with 2 hours a week Release from Face to Face teaching.

In addition to this, teachers attend a 45 min Administration meeting weekly, a 45 min Stage meeting weekly, a 60 min Professional Learning meeting weekly, before and after school hours.

Our teachers also do 3 playground duties in a week, for the supervision and care of students, each of 20 minutes duration. These can occur before or during the school day.

Early Career Teachers are entitled to an extra 2 hours a week RFF in their first year of teaching and an extra 1 hour a week RFF in their second year, on top of the standard 2 hours RFF each week.
In 2020 we have made a conscious effort to provide as many extra-curricular activities as we are able to, at either little or no cost to our families. It should be noted that none of these activities are a requirement from the Department of Education.

These include: Recorder Groups: Years 1 – 3 Beginners, Years 4 – 6 Beginners, Intermediate (By application/invitation), Junior Dance, Senior Dance, Boys Dance, Bollywood Dance, PSSA: Summer – Cricket, Newcombe Ball, Softball/Teeball, PSSA: Winter – Netball, Soccer, AFL, Oztag, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Debating Teams, Wakakirri, Green Team, Premier’s Sporting Challenge, Premier’s Spelling Bee, Premier’s Reading Challenge, Homework Club, Harmony Day, Swim School, Student Representative Council, Book Club, Book Week, Book Fairs, Author Visits, Easter Hat Parade, Student Parliament, Music Count Us In, Celebrating the Arts, Night with the Stars, Athletics Carnival, Cross Country Carnival, Swimming Carnival, Anzac Day, Rememberance Day, NAIDOC Day.

In addition to this, we have negotiated with external providers for Band, Keyboard lessons and Chess Club, which run both within and outside of the school day.

In order for these activities to happen, the wonderful teachers from our school, give up their own time, out of the goodness of their hearts, over and above their normal commitments, to make these activities happen, because they care about our students and want to provide them with as many opportunities as possible. Most of these activities take hours and hours of planning, rehearsals, practices and, because we have limited facilities, the logistical organisation to make them all happen.

I am so very proud of my team of teachers and hope that our parents understand that we can only do as much as we can do within time frames, space and sizes of groups that we have.

Many of these extra-curricular activities require students to trial/audition. Sometimes our students may not always make it into an activity that they wish to participate in. Whilst this may be disappointing at the time, research shows that this may assist in building resilience in our students in future endeavours.

As always we appreciate the support and understanding of our parent community.