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Dear Parents,

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, a discussion was held regarding the School Donations Scheme, as introduced by the Government in the 2019 budget.

The scheme provides schools which choose to opt-in, \$150 per student per year, on condition that certain requirements are implemented. These requirements are:

- No donation can be asked for
- No contributions to cover course related costs which are part of the curriculum can be asked for
- No contributions to cover trips which are part of the curriculum can be asked for

Initial evaluation of the proposal suggests that there will be a significant difference between the current donation amount received from parents and the \$150 per student received from the new scheme. Thus, students would be significantly disadvantaged if the Board adopted the scheme. We currently finance extra teaching staff and learning support staff directly from our donations. The range of subjects we are able to offer flows both from this and from the contributions made by parents. The School Donation Scheme funding from the government would not cover these costs.

At this point, the Board is interested in the perspective of the parent community. Thus, if you have any comment you wish to share, please email to feedback@hbhs.school.nz by 20 September 4pm.

More information of the proposed donation scheme is available on the Ministry website.

Your Sincerely,

Susan Hassall
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