

YERONGA STATE SCHOOL

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'Yeronga State School Public Library Fund' for tax deductible donations

Interested in making a voluntary, tax deductible donation to Yeronga State School?

There are many ways to support the school. From committing time to "working bees" and committees, helping out in class rooms, and participating in our many fundraising activities. Making a tax deductible donation to support Yeronga State School is another option for contributing to the culture of excellence in education at Yeronga State School. The Yeronga State School Public Library Fund has been established to enable tax deductible donations to be made. This year donations will go towards 'Information and Communications Technology' (ICT).

This is part of Yeronga State School's e-Learning vision to establish 21st century classrooms and implement a digital pedagogy. We envisage a flexible, blended-learning environment where digital technologies are accessible and thoughtfully incorporated. The e-Learning plan is underpinned by the understanding that 21st century learners collaborate in a creative setting.

The initial aim is simple - to have quality ICT in every classroom as well as in the Resource Centre. The longer term vision is to enable a comprehensive transformation of how ICT is used. Priorities include:

- Reliable wireless networking throughout the school
- Interactive white boards in every room
- A move away from lab centred PCs to classroom access
- Provision of a range of quality, reliable, accessible digital devices
- · Flexible furnishing and learning space design
- · Confident, skilled and visionary teachers
- Well-aligned, deep digital pedagogy practices in place to support the National Curriculum
- · Productive and purposeful use of digital technological at the centre of rigorous learning
- Well-informed and supportive parent/carer community

Such a vision requires significant on-going investment in network and digital resourcing. The Yeronga State School Public Library Fund will provide an important part of the funding mix. The Fund can legally accept tax deductible donations that will be used to maintain an up-to-date core hub of ICT investments in the Resource Centre, with surplus equipment rotated throughout the school to keep ICT current.

See below for more information on the Fund and how to make a donation!

How can I make a tax deductible donation?

Simple – parents or businesses can donate via direct debit or through EFTPOS at the Yeronga State School Office. For direct debits, transfer donations to:

Account name: Yeronga State Primary School -Library Fund Deductible Gift Recipient BSB: 064117 Account number: 10432963

Receipts for donations will be issued by the school's Business Manager within a month (1) please insure that you include the child's name and (2) email the transfer details to Yeronga State School (including the descriptor) – principal@yerongass.eq.edu.au

Receipts for donations made through EFTPOS at the Yeronga State School Office will be issued immediately.

How much should I donate?

We respectfully ask that only donations of more than \$50 be directed to this Fund. There are many others ways to contribute to the culture of excellence in education at Yeronga State School. Because of the costs of administrating donations to the Yeronga State

School Public Library Fund, it is just not feasible to accept a high volume of smaller donations.

Is this run by the P&C or the School?

The Fund is managed by Yeronga State School, and the donations go directly to the school. However, the e-Learning vision, and the establishment of this Yeronga State School Public Library Fund is a collaboration between the P&C and school itself, and both the school and the P&C will work together to promote the Fund as a mechanism to generate funding.

How does the 'Yeronga State School Public Library Fund' differ from the Building Fund?

The Building Fund and the Yeronga State School Public Library Fund are the only two mechanisms by which Yeronga State School can accept tax deductible donations. The Building Fund is managed by the P&C and legally can only be used for capital works (in other words, for buildings). The Yeronga State School Public Library Fund will be controlled by the school and legally can only be used for ICT and books. The Building Fund is still a very important vehicle for improving education experiences at Yeronga – but only our Yeronga State School Public Library Fund is capable of allowing our community to reach our e-Learning vision.

Confidentiality of donations and accountability

When making a donation to the Yeronga State School Public Library Fund some people will be happy to receive public recognition – particularly for any corporate donations.

Others will want confidentiality. Only the school will hold records of exactly who has donated and how much, and confidentiality will be assumed. The P&C and the school will on occasions publicise the grand total of donations received and the number of contributors.

The school will also provide periodic reports on how the Yeronga State School Public Library Fund is being spent – acknowledging that we all want any contributions to start building the e-Learning vision as quickly as possible. For more information, please contact the

office at Yeronga State School

(principal@yerongass.eq.edu.au), or the P&C President (pandc@yerongass.eq.edu.au).