

Dear Parent, Caregiver, Independent Student

Section 129 of the *Education and Children's Services Act 2019* (Act) allows schools, in consultation with the governing council, to charge, collect and recover a materials and services charge.

For the 2021 school year, the Governing Council has approved a proposed materials and services charge amount of \$375.

As the materials and services charge is greater than the legislated prescribed amount(s) as referenced in the Act, the Governing Council is required undertake a poll to gain majority support from the school community for this proposed charge to be approved by the Department for Education, Chief Executive (or delegate). The prescribed amount as per the Education and Children's Services Regulation (Regulation 81) is \$246 for a primary student and \$325 for a secondary student.

The Governing Council therefore seeks your support for the proposed 2021 Materials and Services Charge of \$375 to be approved.

If the majority of parents support the Governing Council proposed Materials and Services Charge then all parents, caregivers and independent students (excluding approved School Card holders) are liable for this charge.

Each family is entitled to one vote per student per poll, with a majority based on the number of respondents. **The poll closes at 3.00pm on November 10, 2020.**

If you have any questions, please contact the principal or myself.

Yours sincerely



Genevieve Skehan
Governing Council Chairperson
27 October, 2020

I/we support the proposed 2021 Materials and Services charge, as approved by Governing Council of \$375 for year levels 11 to 12+.

I/We understand that by voting in favour of the proposed Materials and Services charge that I am aware that the amount is greater than as prescribed in the Education and Children's Services Regulation.

Yes

No

Number of students in the family affected by poll:

Please return to: Seaford Secondary College

Returning officer: Bronwyn Hall

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This portion of the voting slip will be removed by the returning officer (who will not be involved in the counting process) and is for administrative use only.

Parent, caregiver or independent student name: _____

Note: this will only be used to check the number of students affected by the poll, to confirm the correct number of votes.