Three good reasons why you should invest in your child’s education...

All parents by now should have received the Materials and Services Charges invoice for 2010. The charge comprises of two components, one compulsory and the other voluntary. The total fee for 2010 is $240 of which the compulsory or enforceable charge set by DECS is $197.

The remaining other component is set by the school varies from school to school. This is a non compulsory amount of $43 which Governing Council requests that families consider paying in order to achieve benefits for YOUR child.

Port Noarlunga is a relatively small school and for every dollar we raise or are allocated, we endeavour to use it wisely for the betterment of your child’s education.

If every parent paid the $43 voluntary component of the Material and Services charge that would equate to approximately $10,000 which could be spent in one of the following ways:

- To assist in the purchasing of resources for our new gymnasium including chairs and sporting equipment.
- It would mean that we could have an additional 29 days of extra teacher time to ensure that specialised classes or subjects are offered to students or small groups and individuals could engage in additional literacy support as was done in 2009.
- It would allow the school to provide 348 hours of School Service Officer (SSO) time. This equates to an additional 8.5 hours every week for an SSO to work with small groups of students or individuals giving them specialised attention to provide remedial or extension time.

The amount is an investment of approximately $1 per week! However the tangible rewards dramatically outweigh the cost.

So please pay this voluntary component of $43 per student as it allows the school to provide quality learning opportunities for each student.

Yours truly,

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