FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are donations tax deductible?
Donations of $2.00 or more made to The Beehive Montessori Building Fund are FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE and you will receive a tax receipt.

2. Over what period of time can I donate? Can I donate in instalments?
You can support the Building Program by making an outright tax-deductible donation or an annual gift pledge. Monthly direct debits are also accepted.

3. Does the School receive Government funding (Federal and State)?
Beehive receives recurrent government funding from the State and Federal governments. This must be applied directly to teaching and learning costs.

We have received grants in the past. Beehive received a $2 million grant under the BER program and it was spent on the Hall, Library, the Piazza and the ablution block. We have also received a State Government capital grant of $750,000 and a low interest loan of $1.25 million. These amounts were used for Stage 2A which is Administration block, staff facilities and resource centre and the one classroom.

We have raised the $2.2 million required for Stage 2B, that was generated through investments and gifts. This work will commence in June 2014 and is scheduled to be completed by June 2015.

We would also like to complete Stage 2C during this time, which comprise the Middle Primary classrooms. We have allowed for laying the concrete slab for Stage 2C but require approximately $1.5 million to complete the classrooms. It would be a great outcome if we could achieve this; all Junior Primary and Middle Primary children will be housed in the brand new facilities.

4. What do my tuition fees cover?
Fees and recurrent funds are generally directed towards salaries, learning opportunities, resources and operational running of the School. Tuition fees are not directed towards capital expenditure.

5. What plans are in place to minimise disruption to students?
All of the buildings are constructed on the newly acquired land and so the children will not be disrupted at all.

6. Are the plans finished?
Yes we have detailed and Council approved architectural drawings for the complete project.

7. How much are we looking to raise?
We would like to raise $1.5 million to complete Stage 2C, the Middle Primary classrooms and we will need to raise a further $1.7 million to complete Stage 2D, Upper Primary and the Educational Support Centre.

8. How much do you think I should donate?
We are grateful for any amount and feel your donation should be whatever you deem to be charitable.

9. What recognition will I receive? Can my donation be anonymous?
There are different levels of recognition, ranging from acknowledgement in our Newsletter and Yearbook to an Honour Board that will be displayed in the Office or if you fund a classroom, it could be named after your family.

If you wish your donation to be anonymous, please indicate on the Pledge form.