

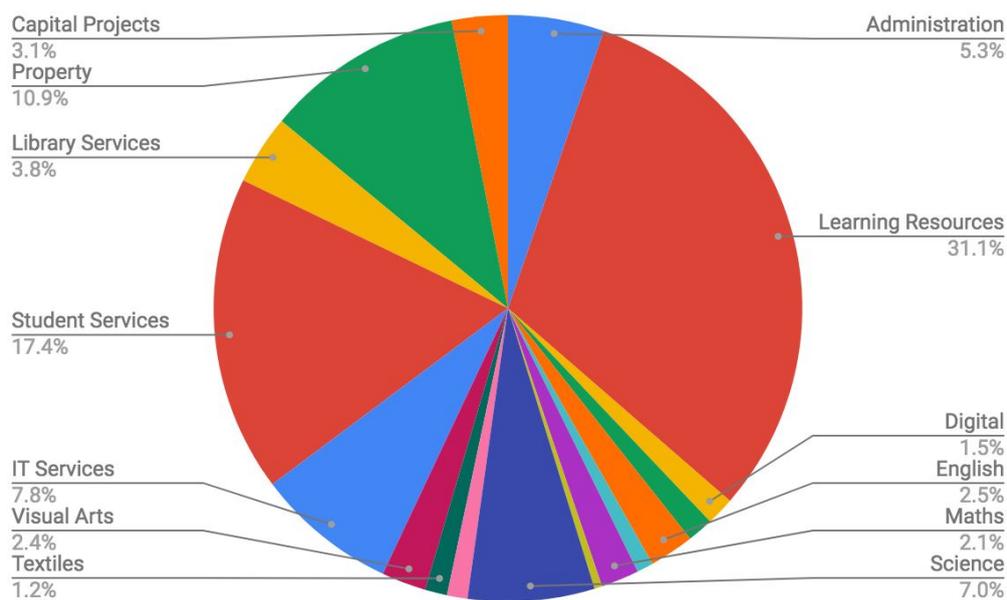
# What happens to your school donation?

Have you ever wondered what happens to your voluntary school donation that you pay to the school?

You may or may not be aware but the school is funded by the Ministry of Education (government) through an annual operational grant. The level of grant that is given to both RJHS and RSHS is not enough to cover the full annual bills that need to be paid for administration, property and curriculum areas to provide the rich, broad and balanced learning experience that our community values.

We therefore ask parents/caregivers and whānau for a voluntary donation which helps to pay towards providing the education experience for students to within the community's expectations.

Your donation that is provided can be broken down as follows:



## Benefit to the Schools

The learning resources and curriculum areas take up a large portion of the donation and allows the teachers to provide further learning resources to children such as printed materials (in form of textbooks or paperbacks relevant to the topic as required) and depending on the area it allows a more diverse range of teaching tools, such as different art resources in visual arts, different mechanisms to teach science and maths (using visual aids for example), providing a range of PE equipment to teach a wide variety of sports and fitness. This list is not exhaustive - the benefits are extensive.

Other areas where the donation provides benefits:

**Student Services** - with the significant growth in our roll, we top up in this area as needed to ensure the students have access to a school nurse, first aid trained staff members and guidance counsellors.

**IT Services** - we are able to have on-site technician support to help the staff and students with IT issues, 5 days a week

**Property** - our school buildings are quite expensive to run and our donations help with prioritising any repairs that are needed to the school to ensure safety at all times. The donation allows us to undertake minor projects which we would otherwise be unable to do, ie improve teaching spaces through installing shelving, displaying student work, etc

**Administration** - the donations help towards the lease and printing costs for a number of photocopiers throughout the site which enable students and staff print and scan resources for their teaching and learning

**Capital Projects** - most of the school capital projects benefit in a small way from the donation and projects which have been benefited recently include the tiered seating in Te Po Tamaku (small theatre), blackout curtains in Te Rangimareikura (large theatre), further shelving in the library and further furniture throughout both schools.

## Benefit to You

As you can see there are many positive benefits to the school from our community paying this voluntary donation but there is also a benefit to you.

There is a tax credit that you are able to get which gives you back 33.3333% of the donation that is paid and that equates to:

Single Student Donation \$240 - tax rebate is \$80

Family Student Donation \$400 - tax rebate is \$133.33

To be eligible for this rebate any donation paid by 31 March each year will be given a receipt by the school in April and you will then need to complete an IR526. See link to the IRD website explaining this below:

[Tax Credit for Donation](#)

## How to pay

You are able to pay your school donation at any time and can pay in instalments if that suits your financial situation better. You can claim to the amount that you have paid by 31 March each year even if it is not the full amount of the donation.

### Internet Banking

Bank account name: Rototuna High Schools

Bank account number: 12-3171-0098317-01

*Reference: Please include the student's initials and surname (e.g. MC Hammer) and DONATION*

### Eftpos

Eftpos facilities are available at reception. We do not accept credit cards at reception, however, you see below.

### Credit Card/Visa Debit Card

Payment via credit card or visa debit card can be made by using the KAMAR parent portal. Log on to your students account then go to the "financial" drop down box and follow the prompts for payment on the portal.

Link to KAMAR portal as follows:

<https://kamar.rhs.school.nz/index.php>

If you would like to pay the school via automatic payments or use an existing credit on your child's account for the payment of the school donation, please contact Andrea Marsden (Revenue Administrator) [andreamarsden@rhs.school.nz](mailto:andreamarsden@rhs.school.nz)