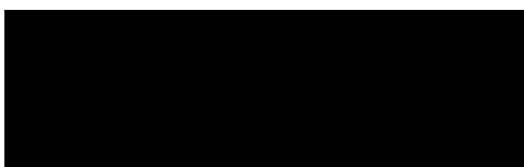




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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 7 March 2017, to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

- 1. In January 2016, the media reported on an analysis of voluntary donation data released by the Education Ministry showing donations collected by state and state integrated schools between 2000 and 2014. Are you able to provide this analysis please? I would also appreciate any update if there has been one.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

School donations come from a range of sources including businesses, community groups, alumni and parents. If a school requests a donation from parents, the payment is voluntary and may be paid in full, in part, or not at all. Boards of Trustees cannot enforce payment of donations and they must not be described as *fees*, *charges*, or *levies*. The amount requested in donations varies from school to school.

On average, donations contribute around 1.8% of the total revenue that schools receive each year. Further information about school donations can be found on our website at: www.education.govt.nz/school/running-a-school/school-finances/accounting-for-donations-fundraising-and-other-income/.

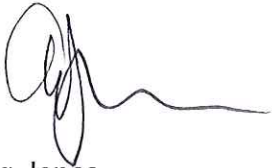
Appendix A shows each school listed individually and the total donations received in each calendar year. Schools are listed by their institution number. Where there is a gap in the numbering the school has either closed or never submitted annual accounts. Where a cell is left blank the school was either not open or we have not received audited accounts for the year.

Please note, the donations figures we have provided in **Appendix A** may differ from other publicly available records or information requests. This is because we are constantly updating our records as schools submit their audited financial accounts. The data we have provided in this response was extracted on 23 February 2017.

School level donations data is not held on the Education Counts website. A summary of schools donations for the 2015 year is available in the *New Zealand Schools: Ngā Kura o Aotearoa (2015)* report. This can be found at: www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/schooling/2523/new-zealand-schools-nga-kura-o-aotearoa-2015. The 2016 report will also be published on Education Counts once it is finalised later this year.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Dr Craig Jones
Deputy Secretary
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