



Strathmerton Primary PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

November 2021

2022 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

Strathmerton Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We want to thank you for your support, either financial or volunteering of time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, science and physical education equipment and resources. This in turn supports them to be exemplary programs, together with our exceptional classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths.

Please find attached Strathmerton Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2022, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide. All necessary consumable items will be supplied directly to classrooms in bulk and will be distributed to students as and when they are needed.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are **UNABLE** to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Weppner
Principal

Lisa Bramich
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers etc. Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers Physical Education & Sport – ribbons, materials, equipment Library – books, subscriptions, classroom supplies Connection Groups – shared classroom materials 	\$ 100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay, wood, beading etc. Online subscriptions (Reading eggs & Essential Assessment) First Aid materials 	\$20 \$21 \$9
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Total Amount	\$160

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Strathmerton Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

No payment is required for these items or activities at this time – permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2022.

Extra-Curricular Items & Activities
<i>Optional Yearbook</i>
<i>Optional Grade 6 Polos & Hoodies</i>
<i>Optional Whole school photos</i>
<i>Optional Year 3-6 school camp</i>
<i>Optional Prep 1/2 BBQ and Games night</i>
<i>Optional Grade 2 Sleepover</i>
<i>Optional Whole school incursions</i>
<i>Optional Year 4-6 Interschool Sports program</i>
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i>

Financial Support for Families

Strathmerton Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options for eligible families, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Direct deposits to school account

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Leanne Bramich, Business Manager, 58745295 or leanne.bramich@education.vic.gov.au

Your details:		
Student's name:	2022 Year level	\$
Curriculum Contributions		\$
Other Contributions		\$
TOTAL		\$

Payment methods

- *Cash*
- *EFTPOS*
- *Direct deposit to the school's bank account. Commonwealth bank: 063524 account 10059354*

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.