



Strathmerton Primary

Parent Payment Policy

17th June 2024

Dear parent/guardian,

Strathmerton Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Strathmerton Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jo Paton

Principal

Lisa Bramich

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom consumables, materials & equipment 	\$0.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MACC Van (Art) \$7.20 per student Funded by SPS 2024 MARC VAN (Library) \$7.20 per student Funded by SPS 2024 	\$0.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets 	\$0.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming and water safety program (funded by Department Of Education) Bus Fee for swimming and water safety program 	\$0.00 \$25.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials 	\$0.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$25.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$0.00
Student wellbeing programs	\$0.00
First aid equipment	\$0.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$.00
Total Other Contributions	\$0.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Strathmerton Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised ASAP throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Prep/ Grade 1 /Grade 2 Reading Day (Numurkah) 21 st August 2024 – Funded by equity funds SPS	\$0.00
Prep/Grade 1/ Grade 2 Excursion – Term 4	\$25.00
Grade 2 Sleepover	\$5.00
Grade 3/4 Pioneer Settlement Camp – Swan Hill (11 th Dec – 13 th Dec 2024) Bus Funded by equity funds SPS	\$253.00
Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill – Ballarat Museum \$9.00 per student – Funded by equity funds SPS Bus Funded by equity funds SPS	\$410.00
Interschool sports program – Bus Funded by equity funds SPS	\$0.00
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Jo Paton

Principal

Ph: 03 5874 5295 | Email: joanne.paton@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$25.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA
Total	\$TBA

Payment methods

Parent Payments may be paid for by cash, EFTPOS or online banking –

- In full at the commencement of the school year
- In instalments
- Or an interview with the Principal to discuss payment options.

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.

Policy last reviewed	19 th June 2024
Approved by	Principal: Joanne Paton School Council President: Lisa Bramich
Next scheduled review date	February 2025

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.