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2024 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/guardian,

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

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 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; better wifi coverage and faster internet.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anne Naughton
Principal

Deborah Cownley
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
General classroom consumables, materials & equipment	\$70
Additional classroom – cooking ingredients, pots, soil, seeds etc	\$40
Visual Arts - Clay, paint, construction paper, glue. Glitter etc	\$40
LOTE – Cartridge paper, kinder squares, markers, glitter glue etc	\$40
STEAM – coding robots, experiments, wire, circuitry, paper plates, icy pole sticks etc	\$40
Online subscriptions	
Mathletics – online maths	\$11
Reading Eggs – online homework tasks	\$10
PM E Subscription – online home reading books	\$ 9
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets including the upkeep of school devices, providing support and services for BYOD, peripherals and ICT, device configuration, maintenance service/system costs and technical support for both school devices and BYOD	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$280

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$20
First aid equipment	\$15
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$15
Total Other Contributions	\$50

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested \$100	\$
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchase and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested \$50	\$

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$280
Other Contributions	\$
Tax Deductible Contributions	\$
Total	\$

Educational items for students to own

If you wish to purchase your own book packs, attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from a *third party provider* for your child to individually own and use. However, we use a large Stationery company who offer us a great bulk discount. Book Packs are ordered prior to commencement of the school year and are packed individually for each student.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Pascoe Vale 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.

Throughout the year parents may be asked to pay for items like recorders, graduation, Year 6 Commemorative tops and other school items and activities.

Camps, sports, incursions and excursions as scheduled throughout 2024. The cost of these activities will be advised throughout the year.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Second hand uniform when available (through the Parents and Friends Association (PFA))
- State Schools Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Sharon Doran or Linda Villani

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Payment methods

All parent payments and contributions to be made:

- Via the compass portal
- By eftpos at the school office
- By direct deposit into the school bank account BSB 063-161 Account No 1002-9219 (please include family name as reference).

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

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 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.