



November 8th 2021

RE: 2022 Parent Payments

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Springvale Rise Primary School would like to advise you of our school's voluntary financial contributions for the 2022 school year.

As you will be aware, Government sector schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we therefore want to assure you that all contributions are in fact voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing financial support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible educational programs for our students. Please know that it makes a significant difference to our school and to the programs that we can offer.

As an example, this financial support assists our school to run our highly successful Multi-Cultural Kitchen Garden Program; upgrade our sports equipment, reading resources and mathematic resources; supply better quality classroom and art room supplies; and provide all students with access to state-of-the-art digital technologies.

For further information on the Department of Education and Training's Parent Payments Policy please see the attached one-page overview.

Please note: We welcome curriculum contribution payments this year if you wish to make payment, but of course we are happy to wait until next year to accept payment if that suits you better. The Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) and 2020/21 Credits for cancelled events will also still be available for use in 2022 to eligible families.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Cottier
Principal

Sean O'Reilly
School Council President

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS <i>Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</i>	Amount
<i>Curriculum consumables, materials and equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, exercise books, highlighters, post it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, etc • Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials • Mathematics – counters, calculators, numeracy blocks, maths kits, etc • English – books, book covering, class sets, etc • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, wool, etc • Physical Education – sports equipment, ribbons, etc • Kitchen Garden – cooking supplies, garden supplies 	\$100
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics • Reading Eggs • See-Saw 	\$30
<i>ICT Devices – Co-contribution payment for the 1-to-1 learning program:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iPad (Grades F - 2) • Laptop (Grades 3 - 6) 	\$50
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student Wellbeing programs</i>	\$25
<i>School grounds - maintenance and improvements</i>	\$25
Total Amount	\$230

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Springvale Rise Primary School also 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 items and activities are provided on a user-pays basis (i.e. If no payment is made or arranged then your child will not be able to participate in the activity).

Details and costs of these items will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Interschool Sports program (<i>Grade 5 & 6 Students only</i>)	TBA
Optional Athletics & Cross Country program (<i>only for students who qualify – Grades 4, 5, 6 only</i>)	TBA
Optional Swimming program	TBA
Optional incursions & excursions	TBA

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for eligible Health Care Card holders
- State Schools Relief funding (for school uniform / shoes)
- Payment Plans
- Referrals to various Welfare Agencies

For a confidential discussion about how to access these services - or to organise alternative payment arrangements - please contact the Welfare Officer or Assistant Principal on your campus.

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$180
Other Contributions	\$50
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

PAYMENT METHODS

Payments can be made by the following methods:

- In person at the school (cash or eftpos)
- Via direct deposit into the school's bank account
- Compass Pay – via your Compass App

REFUNDS

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are considered 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.