



SPRINGVALE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: Springvale Rise Primary School 2025 Voluntary Financial Contributions

As we conclude another exciting year of teaching and learning at Springvale Rise Primary School, we would like to share information regarding your voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Our school provides students with free instruction to meet the standard curriculum requirements. We want to emphasize that all financial contributions are completely voluntary. However, this ongoing support from families plays a crucial role in enabling us to deliver the highest quality education and support for our students.

Please know that your contributions make a significant difference, allowing us to offer special curriculum experiences, specialist programs, enhanced digital learning opportunities, and improved classroom resources, sports equipment, and art supplies.

Please note that while payment is not required this year, you are welcome to make your voluntary contribution now if you wish.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Cottier

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Principal

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School Council President



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Please find below the 2025 Parent Payment costs.

Please note: We DO NOT expect payment this year, but you are welcome to pay if you are able to.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, exercise books, folders, scissors, etc Printing/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 	\$130
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathletics Reading Eggs See-Saw 	\$30
ICT Devices – Co-contribution payment for the 1-to-1 learning program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iPad (Grades F - 2) Laptop (Grades 3 - 6) 	\$50
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$210.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$30.00
First aid equipment	\$15.00
Online Communication Tools (Compass)	\$15.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$30.00
Total Other Contributions	\$90.00



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

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
<i>School magazine / yearbook</i>	TBA
<i>School Camp (Grade 5 & 6 Students only)</i>	TBA
<i>Interschool sports program (Grade 5 & 6 Students only)</i>	TBA
<i>Excursions / Incursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA
<i>Swimming Program</i>	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 (eligible families only)
- School Savings Bonus (2025 ONLY)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- State Schools' Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements - please contact the Welfare Officer or Assistant Principal on your campus.

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$210.00
Other Contributions	\$90.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA
Total	\$300.00

Payment Methods

We would appreciate families making their contributions and payments as soon as possible in the new school year.

Payments can be made by:

- Cash or EFT (via the school office)
- BPAY – via Compass only

Refunds:

All refund requests must be made in writing. Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are 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 Payments 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.