



Parent Contributions for Foundation (Prep) 2024

7 December 2023

Dear families,

As you may know, Victorian government schools offer students free instruction to meet standard curriculum requirements, and all contributions are considered voluntary. However, financial support from families enables the school to provide the best possible education and support for our students.

There are a range of ways families can contribute to the life and learning of Dandenong Primary School. Therefore, we encourage those who are able to consider making a contribution to the school through:

1. Making a tax-deductible contribution to our building fund
2. Volunteering time in the school (e.g. school council, gardening, fundraising, classroom assistance, 150-years celebrations organisation) and/or
3. Paying the voluntary contribution amount (see the following pages)

For more details on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please refer to the attached one-page overview.

We appreciate your support and eagerly anticipate collaborating with you to deliver excellence in learning and teaching throughout 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Riley
Principal

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School Council President



Voluntary Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Book pack [Foundation]</i> <i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</i> ● <i>Performing Art – materials & equipment</i> ● <i>STEM – resources</i> ● <i>Mathematics –classroom resources- numeracy blocks, measurement resources</i> ● <i>English – book boxes</i> ● <i>Sports – equipment</i> 	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Mathletics</i> ● <i>Essential Assessment Literacy & Numeracy</i> ● <i>SeeSaw for schools</i> ● <i>Pivot</i> 	<i>\$45.00</i>
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>African Drumming Sessions</i> 	<i>\$15.00</i>
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$185.00

Other Voluntary Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria & District Division affiliation</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<i>First aid equipment</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
Total Other Contributions	\$25.00

Tax deductible contributions	
<i>Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure</i>	<i>\$30.00</i> <i>Suggested</i>



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

Dandenong 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 throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>School camps [See requesting parent payments for camps and excursions one-page overview for more information]</i>	TBA
<i>Interschool sports programs</i>	TBA
<i>Excursion/ Incursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

*TBA – To Be Advised

Financial Support for Families

Dandenong 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)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our office on 03 9792 2743 or email Dandenong.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
<i>Curriculum Contributions</i>	\$185.00
<i>Other Contributions</i>	\$25.00
<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	
<i>(Tax-deductible)</i>	
<i>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</i>	TBA
Total	\$210.00



Payment methods

- Compass
- Cash or EFT at front office
- Centrepay - you can arrange regular deductions from your Centrelink payment, by going online to MYGOV or visiting Centrelink. Make sure you use Dandenong Primary Schools **CRN: 555 129 214 J** (please contact the school office if you require further information).

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 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 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.