



PREP - 2022

Dear parent/guardian,

Strathaird Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Strathaird Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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's 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 special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities by providing additional digital devices in lieu of a bring your own device program, subject specific materials, equipment and online subscriptions.

The student stationary supplies will be ordered in bulk class lots and **delivered directly to classrooms** for the beginning of the school year. **There will be no book collection day held in 2022.**

We have decided to purchase in bulk to take advantage of the cost savings for our families. Bulk buying supplies allows us to supply all students with the correct materials to complete the curriculum and saves families the hassle of sourcing supplies themselves.

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

Yours sincerely,

Julie Kennedy

Principal

Jenny Smith

School Council President



| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
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| <i>Prep stationary supplies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A bulk pack of stationary delivered directly to the classroom for student use | \$67.75 |
| <i>Prep Communication Satchel</i> | \$7.75 |
| <i>Prep classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay (\$10) Inquiry – food materials, construction materials (\$5) Mathematics – maths equipment (\$3) English – book boxes, classroom book sets (\$10) Sports – equipment (\$3) | \$31 |
| <i>Prep Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathletics P-6 (\$10.44) Mathseeds P (\$9.90) Reading Eggs P-2 (\$14.90) Sunshine Online P-6 (\$1.16) | \$36.40 (Different each year level) |
| <i>Prep ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i> | \$5 |
| <i>Prep Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i> | \$20 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| <i>School Sports Victoria student membership</i> | \$1 |
| <i>Student wellbeing program</i> | \$5 |
| <i>First aid equipment (\$3)</i> | \$3 |
| <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure</i> | \$20 |
| Tax deductible contributions | |
| <i>Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i> | \$20 |
| Total Amount | \$ |



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Strathaird 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.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <i>Optional Year 6 school camp/ Year 5 school camp</i> | \$TBA |
| <i>Prep – 2 Swimming Program</i> | \$TBA |
| <i>Optional Year 6 District Sports program (includes Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country, Lightning Premierships)</i> | \$TBA |
| <i>Grade 6 Aquatics and Water Safety Certificate including Grade 6 Swimming Lessons</i> | Covered by Department Funds |
| <i>Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled eg. Hooptime competitions, House Sports</i> | \$TBA |

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- individual payment plans
- Second hand uniform, if available
- State Schools Relief (SSR) support is available for uniforms/footwear

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

Julie Kennedy

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Total

| Category | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$ |
| Other Contributions | \$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | |

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All parent payments and contributions can be made on the QKR app or debit/credit card at the school's office.

Refunds

If a camp or excursion is cancelled or altered by the school, or a student is no longer able to attend part or all of the camp or excursion, the school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents/carers on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally, the school will not be able to refund payments made for costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, the school will provide information about refunds to parents/carers at the time of payment.

Method of reimbursement

Reimbursements will be processed by way of a credit being applied to the family account unless alternative arrangements are made, which can be used for future activities. If the original payment was made with CSEF Credit, this credit will be reapplied to the family account as CSEF credit.

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.