



Learning For Our Future

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Vermont Primary School has a long and proud tradition of developing all students to meet their potential. We provide a full and diverse curriculum, excellent programs and a caring and safe learning environment. We have extensive Specialist programs including LOTE, Music, Sport and Art, digital devices 1:2 in years 3-6, Chaplaincy support program, a new all-weather oval and full-size basketball court and stadium.

Vermont Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Vermont 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'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 the programs listed above and much more, ensuring your child's learning experience is the best it can be.

Please find below Vermont Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024, which includes an overview of what your contributions will contribute towards. Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jess Mann
Principal

Lisa Portell
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum (per Student)	Amount
Student Classroom Supplies (per Student) Items such as but not limited to Exercise Books 64 pages, Scrap books, Ruled paper, Dotted thirds, Grid paper, Display books, Document wallets, Plastic pockets, Pens, Pencils, Textas, and other various stationery items, Book Satchel, Smock Bag with Logo Literacy and Numeracy Supplies Including workbooks Art Includes craft materials, clay paints Music Including musical instruments and workbooks LOTE Including workbooks PE Including sporting equipment, team sports uniforms, athletics days Science and Sustainability Including science materials and workbooks	\$ 110
Student Subscriptions (per Student) UR Strong program, Read Write Inc, Spelling Mastery, Cengage, Literacy Pro, Mathletics, World Book, Seesaw, Essential Assessment, Purple Mash	\$ 80
Digital Technologies Contribution (per Student) The Digital Technologies Contribution covers the purchase and maintenance of classroom computers, iPads, software, apps, network servers and all other IT related equipment not covered by DET grants.	\$ 80
Printing (per Student) Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities (per Family)	Amount
First Aid Contribution (per Family) First Aid staffing, supplies and resourcing is not supported by DET funding. Our school believes in the importance of student health, safety and well-being and therefore provides a dedicated, fulltime staff member. So we can continue to provide a high standard of this service for your child, we request your support in paying this contribution.	\$ 50
Grounds Maintenance (per Family) This contribution provides funds for the upkeep of the school grounds and facilities and provide for a maintenance person/gardener. This payment is requested once per family per year.	\$ 80
Tax deductible contributions	
Building Fund (*Tax Deductible) School Council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund. Funds received are used to develop and maintain a physically stimulating environment in the area of buildings.	\$ 60
Library Fund (*Tax Deductible) School Council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Library Fund. Payments are used to support and assist the development and maintenance of the library facilities.	\$ 50
Total Amount	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Vermont 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please look out for information regarding these during the 2024 school year. An example of what extra-curricular activities may occur during 2024 are listed below

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Yearbook

Vermont Views is an annual yearbook produced by the school at the end of the academic year. Parents will be notified when this is available to purchase.

Camps

Camps are offered to students in Years 3 to 6, including Ski Camp for Year 6 students and are an important addition to the curriculum. They provide opportunities for children to further develop skills, friendships, independence and confidence in a new environment. Parents will be notified of associated costs well in advance of the camp to enable families to manage these costs.

Swimming Program

In accordance with DET Policy, the swimming program will be offered as an addition to the Health & PE Program. Parents will be notified of arrangements early in the year. Year 6 students participate in a Water Safety program normally held at the end of Term 4.

School Sport

Students in Years 3-6 engage in inter-school sporting activities requiring transport to various locations. Students participating will be asked to contribute towards transport costs. If teams progress to finals the school will cover the cost of transport. Other sport activities requiring transport/entrance fees e.g. basketball clinics will be charged to the participating students.

Incursions / Excursions

For students to participate, parents will need to pay for incursions and excursions as they occur throughout the year. Parents will be notified of the associated costs prior to the event.

Special Events

Throughout the year students have the opportunity to participate in special events such as School Productions, Graduation and other celebrations which may have an additional charge.

Financial Support for Families

Vermont 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 those families who hold a HCC or Pension card

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss the parent payment arrangements please contact the Principal, Assistant Principals or the Business Manager, Kate Bennett Ph: 03 9874 2511 | Email: kathleen.bennett@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

From 2024 Vermont Primary School will be utilising the parent payment options associated with the Compass portal

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to the schools Refund Policy for further details.

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.