



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Edgars Creek Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Edgars Creek 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, payment of your financial contribution is critical for our school to be able to offer **your children the best possible education and support**.

Your continued payment of this financial contribution is vital for Edgars Creek Primary School to continue to offer your children all these programs and learning experiences, which are an imperative part of providing an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview attached, and our website.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Turner-Calleri
Principal

Philip Ross
School Council President





Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading, scissors, erasers, pencils, textas, ribbon, paper, posters (\$15) • Science – chemicals, books, shared classroom materials, paper, posters (\$7) • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits, paper, posters (\$5) • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, take home books, paper, posters (\$15) • Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrapbooks, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, erasers, paper, posters (\$5) • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials, paper, posters (\$10) • Music – instruments, books, pens, markers, and folders, scrapbooks, paper, posters (\$8) • LOTE – paper, pencils, textas, erasers, glue, scissors, posters, rulers (\$5) • Library – books, subscriptions, posters, materials (\$5) • STEM – shared classroom materials, paper, posters (\$5) • Kitchen/Garden Program – equipment, ingredients, shared classroom materials, paper, posters (\$20) 	\$100
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics (\$15) • Sunshine Online (\$5) • Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) – Numeracy and Reading (\$10) • Compass- student reporting (\$10) 	\$40
<p><i>ICT & STEM –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM equipment and devices (\$21) • provision and upkeep of ICT server/system costs (\$14) 	\$35
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20
<i>Student ID cards</i>	\$5
<p><i>Whole school events:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECPS Athletics carnival • Multi-Cultural Day • Anti-bullying Day • Sports Celebration Day • 100 Days of Prep celebration 	\$20
Total Amount	\$220
<i>Swimming/Water Safety Program</i>	Cost not included and will be advised at time of event





Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria & Bridge Inn South School Sports Association membership</i>	\$5
<i>COMPASS Student and parent communication tool</i>	\$5
<i>First aid and hygiene costs/equipment</i>	\$5
<i>Student wellbeing programs (Lunchtime Club)</i>	\$5
<i>Family Assistance Fund (Support families who demonstrate Financial Hardship)</i> Please nominate amount you would like to contribute	\$
<i>Sustainability and School grounds mowing, maintenance and repairs</i> Please nominate amount you would like to contribute	\$
Tax deductible contributions	
<i>Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	\$
<i>Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>	\$
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

The school requires you to purchase headphones for your child to individually own and use.

Note: Due to health regulations, headphones cannot be shared.

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

Edgars Creek 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	
<i>Year 6 Special Uniform</i>	The cost of these Extra-Curricular Items and Activities will be advised throughout the year
<i>Year 6 Graduation</i>	
<i>School Photos</i>	
<i>Optional School Camp</i>	
<i>Optional Interschool Sports, Cross Country, and Athletics Gala Days</i>	
<i>Other optional Incursions and Excursions to be scheduled</i>	
<i>ICAS Competition (Selected Year Levels Only)</i>	
<i>Tournament Of Minds Competition (Selected Year Levels Only)</i>	
<i>Book Club</i>	
<i>Book Fair</i>	



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Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to eligible Health Care Card holders
- School Family Assistance Fund
- Individual payment plans
- State Schools relief

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

Ann Turner-Calleri – Principal or Grace Fitzgerald – Business Manager
Ph: 03 9407 7100

Payment details:



Student's Name: _____ **2023 Year Level:** _____

<u>Contribution Category</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 220
Other Contributions	\$ 20
Other Contributions – Family Assistance Fund	\$ (Please nominate your contribution)
- School Grounds Fund	\$ (Please nominate your contribution)
Tax Deductible Contributions – Building Fund	\$ (Please nominate your contribution)
- Library Fund	\$ (Please nominate your contribution)
TOTAL	\$

Payment method

- Payment via Compass App

Please contact the school office if you wish to pay using any other form of payment

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.



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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.