

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREP-6 2025

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 2025.

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**. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, payment of your financial contribution allows us to purchase critical resources and equipment for our classroom teaching and specialist programs. This includes Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Digital Technologies, Science, STEM, The Arts, Spanish, Music and Physical Education. In addition to this, your contribution also helps our school improve facilities, such as more shade sails and play equipment. It also enables us to provide lunchtime clubs and special celebrations, such as our Anti-Bullying Day, Harmony Day and 100 Days of Prep.

All financial contributions are tabled and approved by our School Council to go towards your child's education needs.

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,




Teresa Marnik
Acting 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 • Science – chemicals, books, shared classroom materials, paper, posters • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits, paper, posters • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, take home books, paper, posters • Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrapbooks, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, erasers, paper, posters • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials, paper, posters • Music – instruments, books, pens, markers, and folders, scrapbooks, paper, posters • LOTE – paper, pencils, textas, erasers, glue, scissors, posters, rulers • Library – books, subscriptions, posters, materials • STEM – shared classroom materials, paper, posters  <p>Curriculum consumables are delivered to the school and distributed to the students.</p>	\$100
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics • Sunshine Online • Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) – Numeracy and Reading • Compass- student reporting 	\$40
<p><i>ICT & STEM –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM equipment and devices • provision and upkeep of ICT server/system costs 	\$35
<p><i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></p>	\$20
<p><i>Student ID cards</i></p>	\$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 	\$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</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>	

Other optional Incursions and Excursions to be scheduled

ICAS Competition (Selected Year Levels Only)

Tournament Of Minds Competition (Selected Year Levels Only)

Book Club

Book Fair

School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little easier for families by providing a one-off School Saving Bonus. You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system. This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

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*

<https://www.vic.gov.au/help-school-costs-and-fees>

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Corrine Di Meglio Assistant Business Manager on Corinne.DiMeglio@education.vic.gov.au or Ph: 03 9407 7100.

Payment Options

- Payment via Compass App
- BPAY – Biller code 87361 contact the office for your reference number
- Phone payment including payment plans – please contact the office
- In person- visit the school office for cash or EFT payments.

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.