



Parent Payment Policy

Parent Payment Arrangements for Prep to Year 6 2026

Dear Families,

As we look ahead to another exciting and enriching year of teaching and learning at Edgars Creek Primary School, we would like to advise you of the school's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instructions to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, we rely heavily on the generous support of our families to enhance our programs and learning environment to **offer the best possible educational opportunities for your child/ren.**

We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support, whether through financial contributions, fundraising, or volunteering your time. Your involvement has a meaningful impact on the opportunities we can provide.

Your financial contributions directly support the purchase of essential teaching and learning resources across a broad range of curriculum areas, including Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, The Arts, Spanish, and Physical Education. They also enable us to maintain and improve our facilities and support the continuation of lunchtime clubs and special school events.

All contributions are reviewed and approved by School Council, ensuring they are used responsibly and in the best interest of student learning.

Your continued support is crucial in allowing us to deliver a well-rounded and rigorous educational experience for every child at Edgars Creek Primary School.

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

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Marnik
Principal

Philip Ross
School Council President





Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Materials – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing books, graph books, scrapbooks, highlighters, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, erasers, paper (\$130.00) The Arts – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading, scissors, erasers, pencils, textas, ribbon, paper, posters, scrapbooks, instruments, costumes, sheet music, songbooks and scripts (\$20.00) Science – magnifying glass, magnets, thermometers, construction materials (\$8.00) Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, scales, dice, counters, clocks, play money, playing cards (\$16.00) English – book boxes, class sets, take home books (\$28.00) Physical Education – sporting equipment including balls, nets, goals, racquets, ribbons, stopwatches (\$10.00) LOTE – books, maps, posters (\$8.00) Technology – educational kits and robot kits, tools, posters (\$10.00) 	\$230.00
<p>ICT devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provision of iPad devices through shared classroom sets (\$15.00) provision for uninterrupted server operation (\$15.00) 	\$30.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$280.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs and lunchtime clubs	\$10.00
First aid equipment	\$10.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20.00
Total Other Contributions	\$40.00



Tax deductible contributions

Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (Suggested - \$50.00).

Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource (Suggested - \$50.00).

Educational items for students to own

Each student is required to have their own set of personal headphones for individual use at school. Please note that due to health and hygiene 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

Interschool sports program (Year 5 & Year 6)

Camps to be scheduled (Year 4 & Year 6)

Excursions to be scheduled (All year levels)

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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:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)

<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 Corinne Di Meglio.

Corinne Di Meglio

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Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$280.00
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$40.00
Building Fund (Tax-deductible – Suggested \$50.00)	
Library Fund (Tax-deductible – Suggested \$50.00)	
Total	\$320.00

Payment methods

- Compass
- BPAY – biller code 87361 – contact the administration office for individual family reference number
- In Person – visit the administration office to make payment via cash or EFTPOS

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.