

Parent Payments 2021

15 November 2020

Dear Parents

Huntingdale Primary school is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the parent payment arrangements for 2021.

This is not a request for payment. It is just to let parents know of the change in the fees structure. A request for payment will be sent home in early February.

Please find the fee schedule attached.

Huntingdale Primary school makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

DET has made changes to the way schools implement the Parent Payment Policy. The Essential Student items costs are significantly lower due to these changes. Therefore, we strongly encourage families to make voluntary contributions to key priorities of the school, so that we can continue to improve our school facilities and environment and support bilingual the bilingual education of our students.

In order to ensure that all students have access to the correct teaching and learning materials we bulk purchase items. This minimises costs – as the school does not have to pay for GST and access bulk buy prices - and ensures that all students at each year level have access to the same quality of materials. However, should you prefer to buy your own stationery, please contact the school.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State School Relief
- *MoneySmart.gov.au* (<https://moneysmart.gov.au/managing-debt/urgent-help-with-money>)
- *Vincent Care* (<https://www.vincentcare.org.au/our-services/financial-hardship/>)
- *Salvation Army Financial Assistance* (<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/>)

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

Rosella Dossi - Ph: 03 9544 2318 | Email: Rosella.Dossi@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

The school's preferred payment method is QKR. Other accepted methods are B-Pay and Credit Card.

Refunds

Should you need a refund of your payment, please contact the Office.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see the overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Biddle
Principal

Chris Leffler
School Council President

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities, which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items		Amount
Stationery Pack The Stationery [pack includes items such as: scrapbooks, exercise books, pens, pencils, textas/highlighters, sharpener, book boxes/pouches and library bag.		\$162
Consumables for Art Includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard, paint, craft materials etc.		\$15
Student Diary customised with nameplate – Style: Resilience Project		\$10
School made Resources for Bilingual Program Such as Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji charts, games, classroom library, reading books, writing homework booklets		\$20
Consumables for Food Technology and Science Includes flour, oil, sugar, eggs, baking powder, baking soda etc.		\$15
On Line Learning Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment • SeeSaw • Mangahigh 	\$10 \$3 \$10	\$23
TOTAL		\$245 Per Student

Optional Items

Huntingdale Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. While some schools charge a fixed amount at the beginning of the school year, Huntingdale Primary School has always preferred to charge an exactly costed amount for each activity at the moment the activity occurs, in order to minimise cost and to spread it out along the year.

Optional Items	Amount
<i>Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i>	To be advised

Voluntary Contributions

Huntingdale Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school, so that we can continue to provide better facilities and resources for our students.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family		
General Donation Includes the following areas: STEM, Information Technology, Bilingual Program, Sustainability and Grounds	NO	\$150		
Tax Deductible Donations* Building Fund (Solar Panels) Library Fund	YES	\$50	\$150	\$250
	YES	\$50	\$150	\$250
<i>*School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund and Library Fund</i>				

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

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