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PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Huntingdale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

This support has allowed us to purchase books and materials for the outstanding bilingual education we offer, enabled us to begin resourcing our new STEM room, purchase furniture and books for the new library, continue to increase our ICT devices including laptops and iPads and most significantly install 118 solar panels on our new building.

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

Yours sincerely,



Ruth Biddle
Principal



Dennis Moschoyiannis
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 – for example paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$25) • Science & Food Technology – consumables such flour, oil, sugar etc. (\$20) • English – book boxes, charts, word lists (\$10) • Bilingual Resources – Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji charts, classroom library (\$25) • Stationary items – for example pens, pencils, exercise books (\$85) 	\$165
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment (\$10) • See Saw (\$5) • Mangahigh (\$10) • PAT (\$10) 	\$35
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$15
<i>Printing of student work and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$15
TOTAL CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	\$230 per child
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	*Suggested Amount
<i>Bilingual Donation- purchase of Japanese books, materials and activities for students</i>	\$60
<i>Information Technology Donation- to pay for lease of new laptops</i>	\$60
<i>Sustainability & Grounds Donation - School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$25
<i>STEM Donation - purchasing equipment for the new STEM room</i>	\$25
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$75
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$25
TOTAL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$270 per family

*You may select another amount according to your circumstances

Totals

Curriculum Contributions	\$230 per child
Other Contributions	\$270 per family

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Huntingdale 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. The cost of these will be advised during the school year to the relevant year levels. This includes activities such as 3-6 camp, excursion, incursions, interschool sport, graduation and swimming.

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 (contact the school)
- *State School Relief* (contact the school)
- *MoneySmart.gov.au* <https://moneysmart.gov.au/managing-debt/urgent-help-with-money>
- *Services Australia* <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/crisis-and-special-help>
- *Salvation Army Financial Assistance* <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/>

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

Rosella Dossi

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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.