



Fawkner Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Fawkner Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 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. The continued support from our families ensures that we can provide excellent facilities and resources for our students. If families, choose to make a financial contribution to our school it assists us in providing quality resources and programs to our students.

This support has allowed us to ensure students have access to the latest technology especially our junior school iPad program, we have been able to provide our students with quality stationery items, access to online educational interactive programs and current Maths and English resources for use in the classroom plus excellent sports equipment.

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

Yours sincerely,

Roger Pell
Principal



| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
|--|---------------|
| Foundation Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationery Items – Scrapbooks, chalk, Writer Books, Triangular pencils (HB & Coloured) Colouring Pens, Scissors, Sharpeners, Glu Stiks, Targeting Handwriting Vic Modern Cursive Student Book Prep, Home Read Book, Twist Crayons (\$52) • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$2) • STEM –(\$2) • Mathematics – numeracy equipment (\$7) • English – book boxes (\$7) • Sports – equipment (\$5) | \$75 |
| Foundation Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wushka (\$20.00) • Essential Assessment (Mathematics) (\$8.00) | \$28 |
| Foundation ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets | \$38 |
| Foundation Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials | \$16 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| Student wellbeing programs | \$4 |
| First aid equipment | \$11 |
| School grounds maintenance and improvements | \$28 |
| Total Amount | \$200 |

Educational items for students to own

Fawkner Primary School provides Stationery items for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Fawkner 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.



| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount | Purchase (Please tick) |
|--|--------|---------------------------|
| Excursions (approx. once per term) average cost \$35 per excursion | TBA | |
| Incursions (approx. 3 per year) average cost \$20 per event | TBA | |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | | \$ |

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Roger Pell

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Total

| Category | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$ |
| Other Contributions | \$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$ |

Payment methods

EFTPOS or Cash

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.

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.