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Dear Families,

Fawkner Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Fawkner 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, 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, 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 your support has allowed us to continue to ensure students have access to the latest technology especially our junior school iPad program and 1:1 device program for Grades 3-6. 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.

Without the support of our families the continuance of these excellent programs and the provision of quality stationery will need to be reviewed.

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

Yours faithfully,

Rosalba Arena
Acting Principal

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Foundation to Grade 6 - Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Stationery Items – Scrapbooks, ruler, Writer Books, grid books, pencils (HB & Coloured) Colouring Pens, Scissors, Sharpeners, Glu Stiks, Twist Crayons, Document Wallets, Display books, Fineliner Pens ($54) • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper ($2) • STEM –($4) • Mathematics – numeracy equipment ($7) • English – book boxes ($7) • Sports – equipment ($5)	$79.00
Foundation to Grade 6 - Online Subscriptions • Wushka ($20.00) • Essential Assessment (Mathematics) ($9.50) • Soundwaves ($17.00) (Grades 1-6 only)	$20.00 $ 9.50 $17.00
ICT Devices • provision of devices from the shared classroom sets (Foundation to Grade 2) • 1:1 Laptop Program (Grade 3 – Grade 6)	$63.00
Foundation • Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Grade 1 to Grade 6 • Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	$34.00 $17.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
Student wellbeing programs	$ 4.00
First aid equipment	$12.50
School grounds maintenance and improvements	$28.00
Total Amount per Student	**$250.00**

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
Excursions (approx. once per term) average cost $40 per excursion	TBA
Incursions (approx. 3 per year) average cost $25 per event	TBA

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:

Rosalba Arena

Ph: 03 03 9357 3579 | Email: fawkner.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

EFTPOS
BPAY
Sentral
Cash at the Office (Please bring the correct money)

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 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.