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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the year draws to a close, we are already planning another year of teaching and learning at Cranbourne Carlisle Primary School and in support of this, we would like to advise you of our 2024 Voluntary Financial Contributions which has been set at \$170 per student. The attached table provides a breakdown of how this money will be allocated in 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all financial contributions are voluntary, assisting us in delivering a range of high-quality programs. The ongoing financial support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible educational experiences for our students. We want to say thank you for your assistance this year by helping our fundraising efforts, volunteering your time and attending whole school events, your support has had a positive impact on our school community and the programs we offer.

Across our school your voluntary financial contributions this year have allowed us to provide enhanced digital learning opportunities; upgrade our school grounds and provide teachers and students with essential teaching and learning resources, including art materials, STEM equipment, library and classroom books, sports and music equipment.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sally Webb  
Principal

Darren Smith  
School Council President

**Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use. or participate in to access the Curriculum

**Amount**

<b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual Student Stationery Pack \$55.00</li><li>• Art - paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper \$10.00</li><li>• Science / Music Materials \$10.00</li><li>• Mathematics - Numeracy items \$5.00</li><li>• English Resources \$5.00</li><li>• Sports - equipment \$5.00</li><li>• STEM: Resources \$10.00</li><li>• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials \$10.00</li><li>• Library and Classroom Books \$15.00</li></ul>	\$125
<b>Online Subscriptions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maths Online Subscriptions</li><li>• Literacy Online Subscriptions</li><li>• Student and Parent Online Platforms</li></ul>	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Cranbourne Carlisle Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and these are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. And can include costs for: Camp/ Excursion / Activity notices which will be issued as they occur.

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Community Support Services
- State School Supplies

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

Sally Webb (Principal) or Faye Hanks (Operations Manager) Ph: 03 599136001

### Payment methods

Cash, EftPos, BPay, Compass (using specific reference code).

### 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.