



Chirnside Park

Primary School

Dear parent/guardian,

Chirnside Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Chirnside Park Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 this support has allowed us to maintain a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities, and helps with Maintenance and Improvements to the school

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

Yours sincerely,

Graham Elliott
Principal

Krystal Poulton
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, canvas, ceramics and clay, chalk, stencils and colored paper • Mathematics – dice, fraction kits, decimal tape measures, counters • English- decodable readers, take home readers and Book Boxes • Sports Equipment - basketballs, tennis racquets, table tennis balls, spike ball nets • The Resilience Project -mindful coloring stencils, digital content 	\$130
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressive Assessment Materials Reading and Mathematics – (Annual student testing and benchmarking materials required to match students against the Victorian Standards of Education) 	\$40
ICT Equipment and Student Devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual student laptops (years 3-6) • Shared iPads (years Prep-2) • Monitored internet access • ICT technical support 	\$60
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole school athletics carnival -transport • Various Interschool Sports - transport 	\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$240
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$20



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Educational items for students to own

Chirnside Park Primary School has chosen to use Ross Office Supplies again for 2025 as our preferred supplier for Back to School supplies and recommends you purchase your educational items from Ross Office Supplies for your child to individually own and use, they are a local stationery supplier with a great reputation.

The stationery required for each year's level and the prices being offered are very competitive.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Chirnside Park Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School camp	\$TBA
Interschool sports program	\$TBA
Excursions to be scheduled	\$TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

Chirnside Park 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 Schools Relief (SSR)
- The School Saving Bonus
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

The School Office

Ph: (03) 9727 3466 | Email: chirnside.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$240.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$0.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$20.00
Total	\$260.00

Payment methods

- Ross Office Supplies when/if ordering your recommended educational items from them.
- At the school office via Eftpos if purchasing your recommended educational items elsewhere

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 Payments 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

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.