

Dear parent/guardian,

Pomonal Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Pomonal Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. 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 support programs, provide classroom resources, subsidised camps and excursions, student wellbeing along with upgrades of classroom technology and maintenance of our buildings and grounds. This is for the benefit and enjoyment of you, and other children within our school.

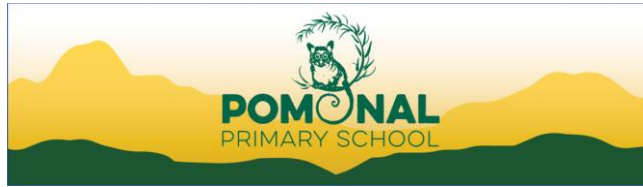
Please find the voluntary contribution details attached. The school makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased at a minimum.

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

Yours sincerely,

BELINDA WETHERS, PRINCIPAL

FELICITY PITT, SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



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"> • Stationary and books \$ 40 • Accident Insurance \$ 10 • Cooking Program \$10 • Art Supplies \$30 	\$120.00
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imaths • Spelling program • Literacy Subscriptions (RWI readers, dictionary, reading log) • Essential Assessments 	\$85
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Ranges subscription \$5 • Incidental travel-Excursions \$25 	\$30
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$235

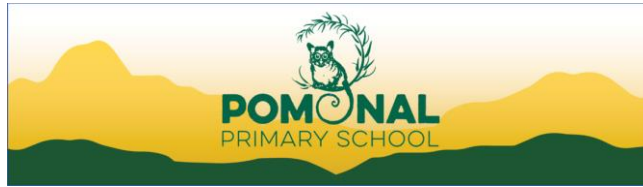
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$50

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

Pomonal 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
Swimming program	TBC
Excursion to be scheduled	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	



Financial Support for Families

Pomonal 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)
- 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 Principal or Business Manager.

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Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 230
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$ 50
	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Total	

Payment methods

- Cash
- Direct Deposit **BSB: 063 528** **A/No: 00902882**
- EFpos- machine in office

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.