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## Kilmore Primary School 2024 Voluntary Financial Contribution Schedule

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Kilmore 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 2024.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Neil O'Sullivan

Principal

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**School Council President** 

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<b>oluntary Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate , to access the Curriculum	Amount
CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
<ul> <li>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment.</li> <li>Take home readers for Foundation to Grade 2 students.</li> </ul>	
Take home novels and literature sets for Grades 3 to 6 students.	\$130
<ul> <li>Purchasing of picture story books and student interest texts for library sessions.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets.</li> </ul>	() Standards (A) Spring
Cartoon and graphic workshops for students.	
Online subscriptions	
o MAPPEN	
o Essential Assessment	
otal Curriculum Contributions	\$

Other Voluntary Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<ul> <li>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</li> <li>Student wellbeing programs including incursions.</li> <li>First aid equipment</li> <li>School grounds maintenance and improvements.</li> <li>Playground maintenance and playground equipment.</li> <li>Sporting equipment</li> </ul>	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$

Category		Totals
Curriculum Contributions		\$
Other Contributions	(Non-tax deductible)	\$
		\$
Total		\$



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#### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Kilmore 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

#### **Financial Support for Families**

Kilmore 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

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Julie Smith, Assistant Principal on 03 5782 1268, or email kilmore.ps@education.vic.gov.au

#### **Payment methods**

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Kilmore Primary School. Our preferred method of payment is via Compass Course Confirmations.

Alternatively, BPAY, cash, EFTPOS and cheque payments can be made directly at Kilmore Primary School Office. If choosing to make payment via BPAY, please contact the office for your unique reference number.

#### 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.

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# 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.