2021 Parent Payments and Contributions - Foundation

Dear Parent / Guardians

Greenvale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Greenvale's parent payment arrangements for 2021. Greenvale Primary School has taken into consideration the unusual Covid19 circumstances and have decided to reduce the 2021 parent payments. This reduction will only be for the 2021 parent payments and full fees will be considered for 2022.

Please find the fee schedule for Foundation students attached. Please make arrangements by 9th December, 2020 so the school can prepare accordingly.

Greenvale Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Each year the School Council has the role of approving the school budget based upon the goals and priorities as outlined in the school strategic plan. The School Council has three major sources of funding: the Student Resource Package paid by the Department of Education & Training (DET), family payments for materials/programs and local fundraising. The Department's Student Resource Package meets most of the costs related to salaries, administration and operational costs such as heating and cleaning. However, it does not meet the cost of individual student packs, classroom packs and consumables associated with some specialists programs. Information regarding Greenvale Primary School Parent Payments can be found in our Parent Payment Policy located on our school website.

At Greenvale Primary School we will always make every effort to keep the cost and number of items that are needed to be purchased to a minimum. We will also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents.

The Greenvale Primary School Council has approved the school's parent payment charges. The Parent Payment Policy, and how the school will implement the policy can be found on our website www.greenvaleps.vic.edu.au.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES
Greenvale Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:
- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (valid HCC. Please see the attached form)
- Individual Payment Plans utilising Centrepay

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

Briohny Romano
Ph: 03 9333 2500
Email: greenvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PAYMENT METHODS
All parent payments and contributions can be made through the Qkr! App.

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

Yours sincerely,

Angelika Ireland   Lisa Basic
Principal   School Council President

2021 Fee schedule – Foundation

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Greenvale Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021*.*

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS
Below is a list of items which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please contact the office for an explanation. Stationery packs will be held in the classroom so the teacher can label.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS	AMOUNT
Stationery Pack Items included: • 4 x Bostik glu sticks • 6 x Triangular natural graphite pencils 2B • Two zip heavy duty pouch • Twister crayons 12 pack • 2 x document wallets red • 1 x Protext fixed pocket display book with insert cover A4 black • 3 x Best Buddies mega scrapbook • 2 x Premium A4 48pg exercise book 18mm solid ruled • 2 x Coloured pencils 10 pack • 1 x Micador scissors deluxe red handle 135mm *Parents have a choice to purchase the stationery component of this charge themselves. When purchasing items outside of the school these items need to be the same as on the list for OHS purposes. By purchasing in bulk the school is able to receive the items at a competitive price.*	$40.00
Consumables for classroom Includes craft materials, paper, paints, cardboard, poster paper etc	$40.00
Consumables for The Arts Includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard, craft materials, poster paper, clay items	$10.00
Consumables for Science Includes seedlings, experiment materials, poster paper, paints	$10.00
Consumables for Italian Includes cooking ingredients, craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard, materials	$10.00
On Line Learning Subscriptions • Digital Literacy Program • Digital Mathematics Program • Seesaw	$30.00

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Greenvale Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION	SUGGESTED AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Buildings and Grounds	*$50.00*	

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

2021 PARENT PAYMENTS

1. ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS ($140 per student)

Child's name	Year level in 2021	Amount
		$

2. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Buildings and Grounds Contribution		$

TOTAL PAID TO SCHOOL (Total of Section 1 and 2)	$

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Qkr is our preferred payment method – download the Qkr! app and search for our school.
Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Preferred Payment Method

Qkr! by MasterCard

Qkr! Receipt number_____

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:

FREE INSTRUCTION

- **Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.**

PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- **Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.**
- **Schools request payments from parents under three categories:**

Essential Student Learning Items	Optional Items	Voluntary Contributions
o Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning. o Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.	o Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. o These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.	o Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose. o Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.

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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.**