

## **2023 Parent Payments and Contributions**

Dear Parent / Guardians

Greenvale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. 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 full cost of individual student packs, classroom packs and consumables associated with some specialist's programs.

At Greenvale Primary School we will always make every effort to keep parent contributions towards learning items that are needed to be purchased to a minimum. We will also try to ensure that requested contributions are affordable for all parents.

The Greenvale Primary School Council has approved the school's parent payment contribution schedule.

<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<p><b><i>Classroom consumables, materials and equipment</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading, clay</li> <li>• Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, textbooks, stationary, maths kits</li> <li>• English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers</li> <li>• Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post it notes, display books, rulers, scissors, whiteboard markers</li> <li>• Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials</li> <li>• Music – Instruments, books, pens, markers</li> <li>• Library – Books, subscriptions</li> </ul>	\$130.00
<p><b><i>Online Subscriptions</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seesaw</li> </ul>	\$15.00
<p><b><i>Printing and Photocopying of learning resources</i></b></p>	\$15.00
<p><b>Total Amount</b></p>	\$160.00

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year students will have the chance to participate in activities that enhance their schooling experience. The following financial support options may be available to families to provide these experiences for students.

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Individual Payment Plans utilising Centrepay

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 2023 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:

<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS – for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>SUGGESTED AMOUNTS but any amount is appreciated</b>
Buildings and Grounds	\$50.00
School Sport Victoria Membership	\$5.00
Student wellbeing programs	\$10.00
First Aid resources	\$5.00

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Preferred Payment Method



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.

Greenvale Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options. Parents can contribute to the parent payments contributions throughout the year.

This can include individual payment instalments through Centrepay.

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

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Email: [greenvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:greenvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

# ▲ 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.