



8th December, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Swan Hill North 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. 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's 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 offer a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences.

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

Yours sincerely,

Brea Terris
Acting Principal

Tim Dunstan
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year P-6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise books, Folders and paper for different subjects including Literacy and Maths \$25 • Stationary \$65 • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper \$10 • Indonesian - \$20 • Mathematics – numeracy equipment \$10 • Sports – equipment \$15 	\$155
Year P-6 Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Assessment Programs \$25 	\$25
Year P-6 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Year 2-6 iPad individual device <u>under current lease \$25 per term</u>	\$100
Total Amount for students in Year 2-6	\$300
Total Amount for students in Prep – Year 1 **Please note students in Year 1 in 2023 will not need to purchase their own iPad for 2023. These will be supplied by the school.	\$200

Educational items for students to own

Listed below are some items that the school recommends you purchase from a third-party provider for your child to individually own and use. The school will have some available in the new year for you to purchase also.

1. Headphones



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Swan Hill North 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Approximate Amounts
Optional Year 3/4 and 5/6 school camp Year 5/6 Camp Year 3/4 Camp to Billabong Camp in Echuca	\$300 \$250
Optional Year 5/6 Interschool Sports program	TBA
Foundation to Year 6 excursions and incursions – Each year level will be looking at one incursion/excursion per term. Tabloid Sports Excursion Term 1 has been confirmed.	\$10-\$20 per term \$10

Financial Support for Families

Swan Hill North Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- establishing payment plans

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

Brea Terris (Acting Principal)

Ph: 03 5032 4577 | Email: brea.terris@education.vic.gov.au



Total

Category	
Year 2-6 Curriculum Contributions	\$300
Year Foundation/Prep – Year 1 Curriculum Contributions	\$200
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	
Year 5/6	\$400
Year 3/4	\$320
Year 1/2	\$80
Prep/Foundation	\$80

Payment methods- TO BE PAID IN JANUARY 2023

The school will be open during the following times in January to come in and make payment:

Monday 23rd January 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday 24th January 8.30am – 11am

Wednesday 25th January 12pm – 3.00pm.

Payment is preferred to be made via direct deposit into the school bank account using the details below, please use student or family name as a reference.

Account Name: Swan Hill North Primary School

Branch Number: 063529

Account Number: 10043535

If families make payment on one of the days listed above there will be a \$20 discount and the total for 2023 will be \$280.

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.

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

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.