

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

2022 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Fitzroy Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Fitzroy Primary School's* voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music and physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths.

Please find attached Fitzroy Primary School's voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2022, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us to provide. Please note there will be no individual book packs provided to students in 2022. All necessary consumable items will be supplied directly to classrooms in bulk and will be distributed to students as and when they are needed.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,



Angela Richmond
Principal



Matt Willis
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom- pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, classroom libraries, readers, craft items, • Art- paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, materials, beading • Science- ingredients, books, shared classroom materials • Mathematics- numeracy blocks, calculators, stationary, maths kits, school license, class sets, • English- book boxes, class sets, novels, readers, • Sports- equipment, materials • Performing Arts- instruments, books, pens, markers, folders • Library- books, subscriptions • French- class sets, book boxes, subscriptions, stationary • LOTE- class sets, book boxes, stationary • Kitchen Garden Program- Consumable ingredients, seedlings, 	\$160
<p><i>Digital and online subscriptions for learning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics • Reading Eggs • Story Box • Padlet • Nessy • SPA 	\$30
<p><i>ICT & STEM</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM equipment and devices 	\$30
Headset: New in prep and replaced as required	10
Total Amount	\$230
Other Financial Contributions	
Positive Futures Fund (please nominate an amount)	\$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$
School grounds mowing, maintenance and repairs: (please nominate an amount)	\$

Positive Futures Fund – Voluntary Financial Contribution

Fitzroy Primary School families have the opportunity to support our students through our Positive Futures Fund so that all children have equal access to the broad range of programs at our school.

Our Strength:

Fitzroy Primary School is a culturally, linguistically and socio-economically diverse community who are united by the school's values of respect, empathy and courage. The school's motto "inspired by learning" highlights the broad range of opportunities available to all students that identify and nurture talents and create pathways beyond the school.

Our Goal:

To ensure that all students have equal access to the full range of experiences at Fitzroy Primary School, regardless of their socio-economic background.

An Opportunity:

The Positive Futures Fund will be used to provide students with access to ***excursions, camps*** for families who require financial support. To achieve this, the school has established a means by which families who wish to make a voluntary financial contribution can do so easily, quickly and confidentially through Compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Fitzroy 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.

No payment is required for these items or activities at this time – permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2022.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Optional Year 6 jackets</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Optional school camp Year 3 - 6</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Optional Swimming Program</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Optional Interschool Sports Program Year 3 - 6</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Other optional excursions and incursions to be scheduled</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Financial Support for Families

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

- *Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions*
- *State Schools Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase uniforms at a reduced rate*
- *Individual payment plans*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Angela Richmond, Ph: 03 9417 4222 |

Email: fitzroy.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Your details:		
Student Name:	Year level	\$
Curriculum Contributions		\$
Other Contributions (Positive Futures Fund/School Grounds)		\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$
TOTAL		\$

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Fitzroy Primary School. Payments can be made via:

- *EFTPOS*
- *BPay via Compass*
- *Direct deposit to the school's bank account*
 - *Commonwealth Bank*
 - *Fitzroy Primary Schools Official Account*
 - *BSB: 063123*
 - *Account No: 10080838*

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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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.