



HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Fitzroy Primary School on 03 9417 4222 or fitzroy.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fitzroy Primary School is excited to welcome another year of teaching and learning in 2026 and would like to advise you of the school's voluntary financial contributions for the year ahead.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

That said, the generous support of our families allows us to go above and beyond. Contributions play a vital role in helping us provide the best possible educational experience for our students, and we are deeply grateful to our community for the many ways you give back through Curriculum and Other Contributions, the Positive Futures Fund, the Library and Building Fund, fundraising and volunteering. Your support has made a real difference, enabling us to offer high-quality programs and resources that enrich student learning.

These contributions allow us to:

- Provide specialist resources and equipment for classroom learning
- Support online learning subscriptions
- Maintain ICT devices, printing, and photocopying of classroom materials
- Enhance programs that go beyond the curriculum
- Supply all necessary consumable items directly to classrooms in bulk (replacing individual student book packs)
- Grow and improve shared community resources through the Library and Building Funds

Attached is the 2026 Voluntary Financial Contributions Schedule, which outlines how contributions are used to directly benefit our students.

OUR STRENGTH

Fitzroy Primary School is a culturally, linguistically and socio-economically diverse community, united by the school's values of respect, empathy and courage. Guided by our motto 'Inspired by Learning', we are proud to offer opportunities that nurture students' talents and create pathways beyond the classroom.

OUR GOAL

To ensure every student has equal access to the full range of experiences offered at Fitzroy Primary School.

AN OPPORTUNITY

Families are invited to support our students through the **Positive Futures Fund**, which helps ensure all children have equal access to the wide range of programs at our school. The fund is used to assist families who require financial support, particularly for excursions and camps. Families who wish to make a voluntary contribution can do so easily, quickly, and confidentially through Compass.

PAYMENT METHODS

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

- Compass via CompassPay (Preferred)
- EFTPOS
- Electronic Bank Transfer (Direct Deposit)

Type	Contributions	Library Fund	Building Fund
Name	Fitzroy Primary School Official Account	Fitzroy Primary School Library Fund	Fitzroy Primary School Building Fund
BSB:	063 123	063 093	063 093
Account No.:	1008 0838	1000 4299	1000 4360
Reference:	'Student's Name'	'Payee Name' Library Fund	'Payee Name' Building Fund

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.
- State Schools Relief (SSR) provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate.
- Recurring Contributions (Payment Plan) for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Business Manager on (03) 9417 4222 or via email fitzroy.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

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

Yours sincerely,



Scott Burton
Principal



Evelyn Tadros
School Council President

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Below is a list of contributions for curriculum related items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Classroom Consumables, Materials & Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Classroom Shared Materials and Equipment – \$70 • French Bilingual – \$20 • Art – \$50 • STEM – \$20 • Performing Arts – \$20 • Physical Education – \$20 	\$200.00
Online Subscriptions for Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics - \$21.10 • Reading Eggs - \$19.90 • Story Box - \$3.50 • AccessIt Library - \$7.50 • Compass - \$33.00 	\$85.00
ICT devices – provision & upkeep of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$25.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$335.00

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Below is a list of non-curriculum related items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Other Contributions	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$8.50
Student and Parent Communication Tools (Compass SMS)	\$10.00
Student Wellbeing Programs	\$20.50
First Aid Equipment	\$11.00
TOTAL	\$50.00

POSITIVE FUTURES FUND

The Positive Futures Fund helps ensure all children have equal access to the wide range of programs at our school. The fund is used to assist families who require financial support, particularly for excursions and camps.

Positive Futures Fund	Amount
Positive Futures Fund	\$25.00 (Suggested)

Tax Deductible Contributions

Tax Deductible Contributions	Amount
<p>Library Fund</p> <p>This fund has been created to support the ongoing development of our school library, with a focus on enhancing student learning and engagement. Donations made to this fund are tax-deductible, and all contributions will be used exclusively for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchasing new books and educational resources • Upgrading library furniture and fittings to create a more welcoming and functional space • To maintain a catalogue and preserve our collection of books. 	<p>\$25.00 (Suggested)</p>
<p>Building Fund</p> <p>This fund has been created to support the ongoing improvement and development of our school's buildings and facilities, with the goal of providing a safe, modern, and inclusive learning environment for all students. Donations made to this fund are tax-deductible, and all contributions will be used exclusively for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the construction and improvement of school facilities • Enhancing the functionality and safety of learning environments • Contributing to long-term upgrades that benefit the whole school community 	<p>\$25.00 (Suggested)</p>

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.

These amounts are subject to costs incurred by providers and will be charged to families accordingly via Compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year 6 Hoodie/Jacket	TBC
School Camp (Years 3-6)	TBC
Swimming Program	TBC
Excursions / Incursions	TBC

PARENT PAYMENT 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	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 does not 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.