

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 2024.

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 is through Positive Futures Fund, Financial contributions, 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 2023, 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 2023. All necessary consumable items will be supplied directly to classrooms in bulk and will be distributed to students as and when they are needed.

### **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.

### **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.

### **POSITIVE FUTURES FUND**

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. This payment is voluntary and at an amount decided by the family.

## **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:

- Compass via CompassPay (**Preferred**)
- EFTPOS
- Electronic Bank Transfer (Direct Deposit)
  - **NAME:** Fitzroy Primary School Official Account
  - **BSB:** 063 123
  - **ACC:** 1008 0838
  - **REF:** 'Student's Name'

## **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](#) and [Financial Help for Families Policy](#).

## **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](mailto: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,



Nathan Moore  
**Acting Principal**



Matt Willis  
**School Council President**

**CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS**

Below is a list of items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the normal curriculum.

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Classroom Consumables, Materials & Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Classroom</li> <li>• Art</li> <li>• STEM</li> <li>• Enquiry Learning</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Physical Education</li> <li>• Performing Arts</li> <li>• French/LOTE</li> <li>• Kitchen Garden Program</li> <li>• Library</li> </ul>	\$210.00
Digital and Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathletics – \$23.00</li> <li>• Reading Eggs – \$20.00</li> <li>• Story Box – \$4.00</li> <li>• Padlet (Online Forum for Posting Students Works for Parents) – \$2.00</li> <li>• SPA (Online Data Analysis - Student Progress) – \$11.00</li> </ul>	\$60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Other Contributions	Amount
Positive Futures Fund (see information above)	\$ Amount decided by family

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Fitzroy Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

Other Contributions	Amount
Year 6 Hoodie/Jacket	TBA
School Camp	TBA
Swimming Program	TBA
Excursions and/or Incursion	TBA

**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 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:

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>
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.