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6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Delacombe Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of requested contributions for 2023.

#### What to do:

**1. REQUESTED CONTRIBUTIONS: (Page 3)**

Identify your child's Curriculum Contributions on the following page.

**2. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: (Page 4)**

Nominate an amount to support school welfare programs and ongoing maintenance.

**3. TOTAL THE COST AND PAY: (Page 5)**

Payment can be made via QKR or by contacting the office.

**4. FAMILY CREDITS OR PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS: (Page 5)**

If you have an existing payment plan using Centerpay, Bpay or have family credit, and would like to contribute to 2023 Contributions please complete details on the following page and return to the office.

In 2022 we experienced a 75% decrease in parent contributions which has resulted in changes to the way we have organised student resources and programs for the coming year.

- All student resources will now be ordered in bulk and shared in the classroom.
- The Kitchen and Garden program has been modified.
- The Art program has been modified.

These are all signature aspects of Delacombe Primary School and we hope they can return to full capacity in 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 and their voluntary contributions are vital to ensure that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank those families who generously contributed payments in 2022 and for those families who supported the school through fundraising or volunteering their time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.



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The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2022 allowed us to:

- Implement the Kitchen and Garden program which are valued by all.
- Provide exercise books and stationery for your child in the classroom.
- Provide specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Inquiry, Language and PE.

All student stationary resources will be supplied by the school and will be in their classrooms at the beginning of 2023.

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

Yours sincerely,

David Young  
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Daniel Cook  
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



| Requested Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount  |
|---|---------|
| <b><u>PACKAGE PRICES includes classroom consumables, Art &amp; SAKG program:</u></b>                          |         |
| Foundation  | \$86.00 |
| Grade 1   | \$67.00 |
| Grade 2   | \$67.00 |
| Grade 3   | \$87.00 |
| Grade 4   | \$87.00 |
| Grade 5   | \$87.00 |
| Grade 6   | \$87.00 |

**Individual breakdown of prices according to your child's needs (As a reference only):**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| <u>Foundation</u> classroom consumables, materials, Book bag, chair bag and library bag. | \$66.00 |
| <u>Grade 1</u> classroom consumables, materials & equipment                              | \$42.00 |
| <u>Grade 2</u> classroom consumables, materials & equipment                              | \$42.00 |
| <u>Grade 3</u> classroom consumables, materials & equipment                              | \$42.00 |
| <u>Grade 4</u> classroom consumables, materials & equipment                              | \$42.00 |
| <u>Grade 5</u> classroom consumables, materials & equipment                              | \$42.00 |
| <u>Grade 6</u> classroom consumables, materials & equipment                              | \$42.00 |
| Art – All Year levels  | \$15.00 |
| SAKG Prep Consumables  | \$5.00  |
| SAKG Grade 1- 2 Consumables  | \$10.00 |
| SAKG Grade 3 -6 Consumables  | \$30.00 |
| Book Bags ( <b>Required for new students in Grade 1-6 only</b> )                         | \$13.50 |
| Chair Bags ( <b>Required for new students in Grade 1-6 only</b> )                        | \$11.50 |
| Library Bags ( <b>Required for new students in Grade 1-6 only</b> )                      | \$5.00  |



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### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate the school's functions and objectives. These contributions will assist in student welfare (School Breakfast Program, Walking School Bus, Uniform Support Program, First Aid supplies etc) and maintenance of the school grounds.

#### Other Contributions

Families can choose to contribute any amount to non-curriculum activities/programs

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Delacombe 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.

Please find below an approximate cost and list of these activities that we will be offering in 2023

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities                    | Amount   |
|--|----------|
| Optional School magazine/ yearbook                       | \$25.00  |
| Optional Year 6 school camp – Melbourne (2nt/3day)       | \$320.00 |
| Optional Year 5 Sovereign Hill Costume School (2 day)    | \$65.00  |
| Optional Year 5 school camp – Halls Gap (2nt/3day)       | \$310.00 |
| Optional Year 4 school camp – Cave Hill Creek (2nt/3day) | \$284.00 |
| Optional Year 3 school camp – Log Cabin Lodge (1nt/2day) | \$160.00 |
| Optional Year 2 Overnight School Stay (1nt)              | \$15.00  |
| Optional Grade 6 Adventure Park                          | \$50.00  |

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### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Danielle McCann – Business Manager

Ph: 03 53356103 | Email: [danielle.mccann@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:danielle.mccann@education.vic.gov.au)

#### Payment methods

Delacombe Primary School offers payments methods Via Bpay / Centrepay / Direct Debit / QKR/ Credit card via the office or phone.

We have a large number of parents already on payment plans if you would like to use these for 2023 Curriculum Contributions please fill in below and return to school

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carers name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be deducted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use my current payment plan / family credit for my child's 2023 Curriculum Contributions**

## 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.