



Dear Families of Foundation 2023 Students

Surfside Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Surfside Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023. The Curriculum Contribution for Foundation is \$210.00.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Surfside Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Surfside Primary is a non-profit organisation. All of the monies received and/or raised by the school are used to finance learning programs and to maintain and develop our school buildings and grounds.

The difference between funds provided by the Department of Education and Training through our Student Resource Package and those required for this school to operate to the high standard that we expect, leaves a shortfall which our School Council attempts to raise through School Council Voluntary Contributions and other local activities (eg. interest, fundraising, commissions etc.)

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

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (available for families who hold a health care or pensioner card \$125.00 per year per student)
- Curriculum contributions by instalment

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Principal Mr Peter Walsh, Assistant Principal Mrs Linda Giggins or the Business Manager Robyn Frew. It would be appreciated if this could be attended to prior to the end of this term.

Phone: 03 5256 1411 Email: Surfside.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- Cash
- EFTPOS
- Centrepay (if you are receiving Centrelink payments)
- Families can set up regular BPay transfers

It is important that the children have their books etc. prior to the commencement of the school year. For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please refer to our newsletter and website.

We are asking that families collect their child's Bookpacks at the following time:

- **Wednesday January 25th 2023** **8:00am – 3:00pm In the School Hall**
- **Friday January 27th 2023** **8:00am – 3:00pm In the School Hall**

Yours sincerely,

Peter Walsh - Principal

Eloise Cann - School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables – items purchased in bulk eg glue, coloured paper for writing, drawing and crafting, string, google eyes etc. Art –paint & craft materials for art including drawing & painting materials, oil pastels, charcoal, acrylic paints, pva glue, pens, craft paper, clay, inks etc Swimming Fees – Entrance to Pool for a 2 week program	\$60.00 \$50.00
Foundation Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Saw Online Learning Program subscription \$8.00 – Student Learning and Engagement Program • Essential Assessment \$14.00 – Targeted Maths and Literacy Program • Nessy Learning \$9.00 - Educational Literacy Based Activities • Dibels – Literacy Assessment Tool \$2 	\$33.00
<p>Educational items for students to own These booklists have been put together by the teachers and include most of the children’s requirements for the year. This pack will be ordered for your child. If you wish to purchase elsewhere please let the school know before the end of term.</p> <p>4 x UHU Magic Blue Stick 40g 1 x Marbig Clipboard Foolsap Masonite Large Clip 1 x STAEDTLER Natural Jumbo Triangular Graphite Pencils HB PK12 2 x Westcott Student Antimicrobial Scissors 152mm 3 x Faber-Castell Connector Pens Asst PK12 1 x Crayola Dual-sided Dry Erase Board 1 x Micador Metal X Pencil Sharpener Double Hole Wedge 1 x Crayola Crayons Twistables PK12 2 x Protex Exercise Book A4 18mm + Margin 64 pg 8 x Scrapbook 330x245mm FSC Dark Purple 70gsm 64pg 2 x Olympic Scrapbook Minisaurus Bond 90gsm 168 x 240mm 64 pg 2 x Writer Premium Exercise Book A4 24mm Dotted Thirds 48 pg 1 x Marbig Clear Case Zip Wallet B4 395 x 290mm Asst 4 x Triangular Student Whiteboard Markers Black 2 x STAEDTLER Noris Colour Triangular Pencils Asst PK12</p>	\$67.00
Total Amount	\$210.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
Student wellbeing programs	\$
Kitchen Garden Ground maintenance and improvements	\$
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of our School Kitchen.	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Surfside 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. These can be paid at the time of the event via Compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Approximate costs only	Amount
These can be paid at the time of the event via Compass	
Excursions x 2 @ \$35	\$70
Incursions x 2 @\$10	\$20

Refunds

Refunds will only be considered when requesting in writing within 21 days of the excursion taking place or the commencement of the camp.

Where Surfside Primary School makes the decision to cancel a camp or excursion, the amount paid by the student shall be refunded in full.

Where a camp or excursion has to be rescheduled because of Government or Department of Education warnings e.g fire or weather danger etc parents may request a refund of monies paid by them less any funds incurred by the school for the rescheduled trip.

Please refer to our refund policy on the school website.

We thank you for your voluntary financial contribution to the school so we can continue to add value to your child's education.

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.