



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, all State schools provide students with free education and instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. So, in preparation for the new school year, we would like to advise you of Ashby Primary School's parent/carers voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

In addition to the Curriculum Contribution Items, we have included known events. This means, instead of paying for excursions/incursions as they arise, we have priced these and included them into the financial breakdown (see below). This will mean that when the listed events below arise, you will only need to tick for approval on COMPASS.

Please note this excludes camps, swimming and any unplanned additional events/opportunities that arise.

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

In addition to this, we want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs and support we can offer.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Trotter
Principal

Glyn Seal
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i>	Book pack – distributed, stored, and labelled in classroom. (Exercise books, scrapbooks, project books, textas, crayons, pencils, glue sticks, eraser, rulers, dairy etc.). *Preps reader bag and book box.	Prep-2 \$236.00
	*Prep - Grade 2 have ICT Devices (provision of devices from the shared classroom set). Online programs including – Mathletics, Spelladrome, SEESAW, JAMF, Essential Assessment etc. Specialist art supplies, LOTE resources, STEM materials and cooking consumables.	Grades 3-6 \$226.50

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ashby 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.

Extra- Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Prep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - (\$7) • Cross Country - (\$3) • Inquiry - Incursions/Excursion (\$30) • Bravehearts - (\$6) 	\$46
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3-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - (\$7) • Cross Country - (\$3) • Table Tennis - (\$5) • Health Education (Puberty) - (\$8.50) • Inquiry - Incursions/Excursion (\$30) 	\$53.50
5-6 Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - (\$7) • Cross Country - (\$3) • Table Tennis - (\$5) • Health Education (Puberty) - (\$8.5) • Inquiry - Incursions/Excursion - (\$30) • Interschool Sports program - (\$20) 	\$73.50

Additional Costings to plan for in 2023

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Grade 5 & 6 school camp	\$ 350
Grade 3 & 4 school Camp	\$ 300
Whole school Swimming	\$ 75
Grade 5/6 Blue Light Disco	\$ 5

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment Plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Amy Cropley. Ph: 03 5223 1291 | Email: ashby.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Prep – Grade 4 Curriculum Contributions and Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$ 280
Grade 5 & 6 Curriculum Contributions and Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$ 300

Payment methods

Compass will offer a single payment or payment plan options to suit the family's needs.

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, and any other relevant information.

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	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 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.