



CHILTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Chiltern Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Chiltern Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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 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 significantly reduce the cost of camps and excursions, maintain our extensive grounds, maintain applications such as Athletics and Reading Eggs, specialist Music and LOTE (Language Other Than English) programs, as well as continue to provide access to the MARC and MACC vans for Library and Art Lessons, upgrade the new shade sail area and introduce student welfare programs to continue to engage and develop our wonderful students.

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

Yours sincerely,

Louie Tempany
Principal

Scott Cunningham
School Council President



Student Name:

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year Foundation to Year 5 classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science / Buddies program • Literacy – book boxes • Stationary supplies as required by students Example: Exercise books, scrap books, workbooks 	\$35.00
Year Foundation to Year 6 Online Subscriptions/Additional to teaching and learning program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics (\$15) • Reading Eggs (\$15) • MARC Van (Library) (\$25) • MACC Van (Art) (\$30) • Life Education Van (\$15) 	\$100.00
Headphones – Individual set of headphones to be used only by student (Replaced as required)	\$10.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$30.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$175.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$
Other voluntary donations towards the cost of additional student support	\$
Total Other Contributions	\$



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Chiltern 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please ensure payment is made to the school by 2nd December 2022.

Please note the list below is not a complete list, further opportunities for excursion/incursions/events may arise during the year.

You do not have to decide on these events at this time. You can wait until prior to the event taking place

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Athletics Carnival (Years 3-6) - \$15-\$20 (cost will be determined by the number of students who attend and the cost of the bus hire)	\$
School camp – Years 3-6 Camp – cost to be advised	\$
Swimming Program – cost to be advised	\$
Cross Country (Years 3-6) - \$15-\$20 (cost will be determined by the number of students who attend and the cost of the bus hire)	\$
Winter Sports Carnival (Years 3-6) - \$15-\$20 (cost will be determined by the number of students who attend and the cost of the bus hire)	\$
Kanga Cricket (Years 3-6) - \$15-\$20 (cost will be determined by the number of students who attend and the cost of the bus hire)	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR) provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing/uniforms at a reduced rate
- Payment plans 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:

Louie Tempany, Principal on 03 5726 1421 or email chiltern.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Total

- *Delete the tax-deductible row if your school does not have a tax-deductible building or library fund.*
- *Schools can include amounts in the 'Total' column except when requesting tax-deductible contributions, or variable contributions and payments from parents.*

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$175.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods

Payment can be made electronically via a Funds Transfer to the school bank account

BSB: 033 222

BANK ACCOUNT: 018987

Please include a reference to advise the name of the student and the reason for the funds transfer.

Alternatively, cash payments can be made directly at the office on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 8.45am and 4.00pm.

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.

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.