

2025 Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Families,

At Ardeer Primary School, we are committed to providing the very best educational outcomes for all students. We are looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 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 wellbeing support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support in previous years. As a small school, we operate with an extremely finite budget and your contributions make a huge difference to our school and the programs that we can offer.

In past years, our community has supported us by paying these contributions which has allowed us to offer a robust and varied curriculum program. To sustain these programs this support is still very much needed. We hope that this support will remain, and families continue to pay these contributions.

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

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to working with you and your child in 2024.

Yours sincerely

John Mifsud
Principal

Ruth O'Reilly
School Council President

Foundation - 6 Curriculum Contributions- items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
Book Pack	\$55.00
Classroom materials (shared) coloured paper, butcher paper & other misc. items	\$10.00
Curriculum support resources / experiences - All students will participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) throughout the year. This covers the cost of a range of construction items and bulk supplies (e.g. pipe cleaners, icy pole sticks, tape, straws, wool, cups, etc. used to support the delivery of this area of the curriculum and to enable the creation of learning artefacts such as dioramas, models, conduct experiments and other creative designs.	\$10.00
Technologies – ICT equipment, infrastructure and support- Provision and upkeep of devices from the shared classroom sets in all classrooms & specialist classes.	\$25.00
ICT- Technologies- Apps/memberships/licenses -Essential Assessment- \$16.00 -Inquisitive -\$7.00	\$23.00
Photocopying - Printing and photocopying of learning materials	\$12.00
Nightly reading diary	\$5.00
Swimming Program- 10 Day Intensive Swimming Program- Foundation, Grade 2, Grade 4 and Grade 6	\$75.00
Out of Water Safety Program - Grade 1, Grade 3 and Grade 5	\$15.00
Total	\$260
Nightly reader bag- All Prep, new enrolments or replacements*	\$14.00
Headphones-All Prep, new enrolments or replacements*	\$8.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ardeer 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	
Interschool Sports– Grade 4-6 – Transportation costs (Bus hire) for all away interschool sport games that require a coach (Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6 classes only)	\$40.00
Graduation Grade 6 - Grade 6 graduation t-shirt and contribution towards end of year graduation activity An additional contribution may be required based on the nature of the determined event*	\$60.00*
Camp Grades 3- 6	T.B.C*(Approx. \$350)
Prep – 2 Twilight Activity	T.B.C*(Approx. \$40)
Incursions & Excursions (Grade specific- Individual costs will vary dependent on the number of students in attendance and associated costs)	T.B.C

Other Contributions- for non-curriculum items and activities

The School Council invites an additional contribution from each student/family. This contribution will be used by School Council to provide:

- assistance for other families experiencing hardship
- additional materials and services to improve the buildings and grounds
 - additional computers and equipment
 - additional programs to benefit students
- grounds and facilities maintenance & enhancements

Families may nominate the amount they wish to contribute, and any amount would be appreciated. At this time, may we suggest - **\$30 per child or \$50 a family.**

Financial Support for Families

At times, all families can experience financial hardship and so we offer a range of support options to assist in these circumstances.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and you would like to arrange a **confidential discussion about alternative payment arrangements, please contact:**

John Mifsud | Email: john.mifsud@education.vic.gov.au (Principal)

Chris O'Brien | Email: christopher.obrien@education.vic.gov.au (Assistant Principal)

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has again committed to providing eligible students with Camps, Sports & Excursion funds (CSEF). These funds are paid to the school to use towards excursions, incursions, and camps for eligible students. To be eligible for the funding, a parent or legal guardian must be the holder of a current Healthcare card or Pension card or be a temporary foster parent on the first day



of Term 1 or Term 2. Parents who are eligible for CSEF and are applying for CSEF for the first time at the school or have a child commencing in 2024 will be required to complete a CSEF application form as early as possible in the New Year. Applications close at the end of Term 2, 2024.

Centrepay

Centrepay is a free service offered by Centrelink to help recipients of Centrelink payments arrange regular deductions for payment of ongoing expenses and regular bills. Should you wish to participate in this, please speak with a member of the administration team in the Office.

The Office will be open between the following times in January 2024 to assist parents in making payments prior to the commencement of the school year.

Monday 29 th January	8:00am – 4:00pm
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Payment Methods:

- EFTPOS • CASH
- DIRECT DEPOSIT

Account Name: Ardeer Primary School

BSB: 063172

Account Number: 10126125

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

When paying by direct deposit please use your child's SURNAME and 2024 PP as the reference e.g. "SMITH 2024 PP"

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.