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DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2023 PREP

Dear Parent/Carer,

Drysedale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Drysdale 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's through fundraising or volunteering your time - we appreciate it greatly. This has a profound and positive impact on our school and the programs we are able to offer.

Underpinning our vision for success, is a commitment that all students have access to opportunities to succeed, regardless of their background or circumstance. This enables an approach to educational achievement, engagement, and wellbeing, which draws on best practice evidence and is responsive to local circumstances and needs.

Drysedale Primary School works in close partnership with our Parent/Carer community, and the broader school community, to provide the best educational opportunities and outcomes for students, both inside and outside the classroom. Through this partnership, Parents/Carers understand that the contribution they make to their children's education, in all its various forms, has an important role in enriching our learning and teaching program and improving educational outcomes.

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

Yours sincerely,

Phil Dunlop-Moore
Principal

Julie Penfold
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum (Section A)	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20.00)• LOTE (Indonesian) Exercise book, craft paper, craft masks, pencils (\$10.00)• Performing Arts Craft paper, cardboard, pencils, paint (\$10.00)• Physical Education (P.E) Sports equipment (\$5.00)• Inquiry Food & other grocery items, craft items, materials for construction, textiles, PVA glue etc. (\$10.00)	\$55.00
Online Learning Subscriptions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential Assessments (Mathematics) (\$11.00)• Sunshine Online (Literacy) (\$9.00)	\$20.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20.00
School Diary	\$12.00
Reader Bag	\$12.00
Kids Matter/House Colour T-shirt	\$20.00
Whole school events	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletics Carnival• Swimming Program <i>Two days of the swimming and water safety program will be provided for all students at no cost to families. Funding is received by the school to support the delivery of this program to meet curriculum standards.</i> <i>In addition, a 3-day Swimming Program is being conducted by the school and can be provided to your child(ren) as an extra-curricular user-pay program. If you wish for your child(ren) to partake please ensure you complete the permission forms and forward payment prior to the commencement of the program.</i>	\$10.00
• Drysdale Primary School Concert	\$5.00
Total Curriculum Contributions (Section A)	\$154.00



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Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities (Section B)	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$10.00
Sentral Communication Program	\$20.00
Enhanced Student Wellbeing Support	\$10.00
Total Other Contributions (Section B)	\$40.00
Total Contribution Amount (Section A & B)	\$194.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Drysedale Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance and 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** and must be paid in full prior to the activity taking place or item being received.

Activities are scheduled throughout 2023. The finalised costs of these activities will be advised throughout the year as our staff continue to liaise with our vendors. Please find the list of activities for your child's year level in the table below. Parents/Carers will receive notification via the Sentral Parent Portal/App for each activity.

Drysedale Primary School produces an annual school magazine that features our highlights of the school year, student artwork, stories, photos and celebrations of the year that was. Parents/Carers can pre-purchase a copy of the 2023 school magazine via WINC, there will also be an opportunity to order the magazine via Sentral at the start of Term 4.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Section C)	Amount
School magazine/yearbook	\$20.00
Optional camps and excursions to be scheduled throughout 2023. The costs of these events will be advised throughout the year. <i>Please be aware that some of the following activities may differ through the year depending on availability.</i>	
Prep Learning Community Indicative Activities and Events for 2023:	\$106.00 (estimate)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AFL Clinics (\$0.00)• Carp Production (\$15.00)• EcoLinc/Earth Ed (\$0.00)• Kinder Visit (\$0.00)• Library Visit (\$0.00)• Life Education (\$18.00)• Swimming Program (\$20.00)• Brainstorm Productions Theatre Show (\$7.00)• Werribee Open range Zoo (\$35.00)• Dance Incursion (\$6.00)• Colour Run (TBA)• Activity Week – End of Year Celebrations (\$5.00)	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Section C)	\$126.00



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Contributions by Category (All Sections)	Amount
Curriculum Contributions (Section A)	\$154.00
Other Contributions (Section B)	\$40.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Estimate) (Section C)	\$126.00
Total (All Sections)	\$320.00

Educational Items for Students to Own

Drysedale Primary School recommends you purchase booklist items from **Winc (our Back to School provider)** for your child to individually own and use.

Parents/Carers have the option to purchase the booklist items from another business and/or provide their own. If you choose to do this, you are asked to consult with the school to ensure your child has the correct items.

Please note that booklist information and how-to guides will be provided separately to this document.

BYOD - Digital Device Program

Drysedale Primary School offers a managed Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program to students in Years 4-6. DPS sources a preferred supplier for our community based on best cost at the time of negotiation. It is important to note that Drysedale Primary School does not receive any incentives when parents choose to use the preferred supplier.

Our current preferred supplier is able to offer parents finance/insurance if desired. Please be sure to check fees that may be associated with your financing choices.

Parents may also choose to source one of the approved models yourself. Please be aware that if you choose this method, you will be solely responsible for any hardware issues that may arise (e.g. warranty claims). Please pay attention to the details and ensure that the specifications are exactly as required. DPS cannot accept any other device into its managed BYOD program. We will offer software support only to this method of purchase.

Our Assistant Principal, Nicole Alonso and Specialist Technician, Hayden DeRoest oversee our BYOD program and communicate detailed information to Year 3 students and parents in Term 4 in readiness for their commencement of Year 4. Nicole and Hayden are able to provide additional information on request at any time. Please contact via the school email.

Financial Support for Families

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

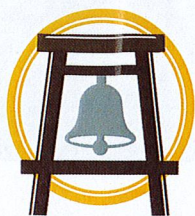
- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State School Relief
- Referral to government support programs

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

Kate Dangerfield – Business Manager

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Payment Methods

- Sentral Online Payments – through the Parent Portal (recommended method)
- EFTPOS
- CentrePay

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are 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 to the school has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment 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.