



Avenel Primary School

"Creating learners, Growing Good People, Giving Something Back"

Dear parent/guardian,

Avenel Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions schedule per student 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 support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through 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:

- Offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels.
- Upgrade and purchase of additional IT devices for student use to enhanced digital learning opportunities and loan during Covid lockdowns.
- Online learning Software Licenses – Maths300, Lexile, PM Reader, Essential Assessments
- Assist in purchasing of art materials, guided reading sets, physical education equipment and resources.

Please find below Avenel Primary School voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2024, which includes an overview of what your contributions will contribute towards.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ross Davis in black ink.

Ross Davis
Principal

Handwritten signature of Sam Hull in blue ink.

Sam Hull
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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amounts Per Student
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$35) • Consumables for Food Technology (\$5) • Lote/Science/Humanities (\$5) • Mathematics Numeracy equipment (\$5) • English – book boxes (\$10) • Information & Communications Technology (\$5) • Music/Drama (\$5) • Sports – equipment (\$10) • Class sets of required stationery (\$60) ie: Stationery, textbooks, pencils, pens, scissors, calculator, diaries, glue sticks 	\$140.00
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths 300, Lexile, PM Readers, Essential Assessments 	\$25.00
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$30.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$5.00
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local incursions and excursions 	\$20.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$10.00
Student & parent communications – Compass, Notes	\$10.00
First aid equipment	\$5.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$
Total Amount per Student	\$245.00

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Avenel 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	
<i>Optional Year level school camps – cost to be advised when each camp arranged, with full details know</i>	\$ TBA	
<i>Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled</i>	\$ TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- CSEF - the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund available for eligible families
- SSR – State Schools relief support available for uniforms/footwear, IT devices (via the school wellbeing)
- Second-hand uniforms available

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, for information regarding supports options please contact the office on 5796 2264 or email Ross Davis ross.davis@education.vic.gov.au or Vicki Martin vicki.martin2@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods - To be paid in 2024

Parents may choose to make voluntary contributions by either

- Payment at office - Eftpos, cash
- Direct payment to our bank – Avenel Primary School
BSB: 063 545 Account: 1007 6513
Reference: Vol Cont (Family Name)

We greatly appreciate you choosing to make these contributions as they make a genuine difference to our school.

Department Parent Payment Policy

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one page overview attached or visit our policy webpage - www.avenelps.vic.edu.au

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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.

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