



Overport Primary School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Overport Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Overport 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 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:

Upgrade to all classrooms and specialist areas with interactive TV's.

Provide outdoor education classrooms with Shade Sails.

Install & maintain air conditioners in all classrooms.

Provide ICT device leases to establish a 1:2 ratio in all classroom shared sets.

Purchase new equipment including sports, performing arts, visual arts, sensory and numeracy equipment.

Purchase decodable readers, take-home books, classroom literacy materials, new library books and materials to support our Japanese program.

Develop Classroom Libraries.

We continue as a school community to support fundraising to allow us to upgrade, maintain and purchase play equipment, soccer pitch, running track and our basketball court and nets. These are major financial commitments that our community has always endorsed and we look forward to your continued support.

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

Yours sincerely,

Julie Gleeson
Principal

Marshall Hughes
School Council President

Success for all

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Individual Stationery Pack (delivered to classroom)</i> 	\$80.00
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Student Diaries & Book Boxes, Writers Notebooks</i> • <i>Mathematics - Think Mentals,</i> • <i>Spelling - Soundwaves</i> 	\$55.00
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seesaw</i> • <i>English</i> • <i>Compass</i> 	\$10.00
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$40.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$195.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$10.00
First aid equipment	\$5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20.00
Total Other Contributions	\$35.00

Educational items for students to own

Should you wish to provide your own stationery for your child, a list of items is available from the school's website.

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

Overport 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School camp <i>[See requesting parent payments for camps and excursions one-page overview for more information]</i>	TBA throughout year
Interschool sports program	TBA throughout year
Excursions and Incursions	TBA throughout year
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund <https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>
- Flexible Payment Plans for Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities are available and can be made in instalments – Please email the school overport.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please make an appointment with one of our Assistant Principal's by emailing overport.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$195.00
Other Contributions	\$35.00
Total	\$

Payment methods

COMPASS Pay (Preferred Method of Payment)

BPAY

Direct Credit to school bank BSB 063 887 Account 10029848 with child's name as reference

Centrepay <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/set-up-centrepay-deductions?context=22366>

Payment by Credit Card by phone to school office (9783 8777)

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. A copy of the schools Refund Policy is available on the school website <https://www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/>

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.