



AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## YEAR 1 - PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS - 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Avondale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Avondale Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the Victorian Curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

***Parent contributions continue to provide an important and critical source of funding which enables us to supply resources necessary to maximise successful delivery of our learning programs.***

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 your continued support of Avondale Primary School, whether that's through paying the voluntary contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school your financial contribution has allowed us to replenish and upgrade materials to support our curriculum and enhance our quality teaching and learning program and experiences.

This has included purchasing and maintaining:

- Books and resources for teaching reading and writing
- Literature for classroom libraries
- Hands on materials and problem-solving resources for teaching mathematics
- Lunchtime clubs materials, including chess sets and Lego
- Sports equipment for the PE and Sports program and lunchtime activities
- Resources to support our specialist programs (Auslan, Arts, Science) as well as classroom programs
- Classroom furniture and organisational resources (tubs for books and other class resources)
- Resources to support student wellbeing
- Digital technologies including the purchase of laptops, smartboards, iPads and subscriptions to a range of educational online resources

The following pages outline the amount per student for 2025.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview attached or visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jill BENHAM

PRINCIPAL

Ms Isabelle SAWTELL

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</b> – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>General classroom materials and resources, paper, posters/charts, shared classroom stationery, books, pencils, pens</i></li> <li>• <i>Arts (Visual and Performing) – paint, crayons, modelling clay, craft materials, glitter, coloured paper</i></li> <li>• <i>Science – hands-on materials</i></li> <li>• <i>Mathematics – numeracy hands-on materials</i></li> <li>• <i>English – book boxes, take home readers, classroom library resources</i></li> <li>• <i>Physical Education – sports equipment</i></li> </ul>	\$149.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics</i></li> <li>• <i>Sunshine Online</i></li> <li>• <i>Story Box Library</i></li> <li>• <i>Essential Assessment</i></li> <li>• <i>Auslan teaching and learning resources</i></li> </ul>	\$53.00
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices – laptops / iPads / electronic equipment through shared classroom sets</i>	\$50.00
<i>Printing / photocopying</i>	\$10.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$262.00</b>

<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<i>First aid equipment and supplies</i>	\$20.00
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$18.00
<i>Compass School Manager</i>	\$15.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$30.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$83.00</b>

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>School camping program, excursions and in school events as scheduled throughout 2025</i>	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$ TBA</b>

## Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment plans for extra-curricular items and activities
- State Schools' Relief support for clothing / uniforms

<https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/schools>

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Maria Zerowsky – Business Manager or Jill Benham - Principal

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## TOTAL

Category Summary	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$262.00
Other Contributions	\$0.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ TBA</b>

## Payment Methods

A Compass post will be sent out in the new year for parents to make payments.

All parent payments and contributions can be paid through:

- **Compass portal (preferred option), via Course Confirmation & Payments**
- Bpay (parents will need their Biller Code and Reference details)
- EFTpos payable at the school office

## 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.