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PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2023

Dear parent/guardian,

Dunolly Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music and physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as reading, writing and maths. Other programs which we are able to offer because of your contributions include Performing Arts and welfare programs such as Puberty Education. We are also able to subsidise our swimming program. All of these programs running alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs are imperative so as to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

The following pages outline Dunolly Primary School's voluntary contributions schedule, details of year level stationary packs and extra-curricular items and activities for 2023.

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

Yours sincerely,

Katie Lovel
Principal

Rebecca Davies
School Council President

KEY

Curriculum Contributions - Voluntary

Other Contributions - Voluntary

Extra Curricular – You need to pay for your child to attend/participate

Educational items for students to own – book packs for parents to purchase from third party provider



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Suggested Amount/s per student	Contribution Amount
<p>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, clay etc. • Science – materials for experiments • Mathematics – counting materials & measurement equipment • English – readers, book boxes, library books • Health/PE/Wellbeing – sports equipment, cooking items • Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials 	\$50.00	\$
<p>Online subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seesaw App • Essential Assessment (English & Maths) • Maths 300 	\$30.00	\$
<p>ICT Devices <i>provision, repairs and maintenance of devices from the shared classroom sets</i></p>	\$10.00	\$
<p>Whole school events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster Athletics - entry and transport • Swimming and Water Safety Program – entry and transport • Swimming carnival – entry and transport • Cluster Cross Country • Cluster Performing Arts • Bike Education • Life Ed Van 	\$30.00	\$
TOTAL	\$120.00	\$



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Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	<i>Contribution Amount – please nominate an amount</i>
Affiliations/memberships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Sports Victoria • Maryborough & District Primary Schools Sports Association • Bendigo PE Committee (Total cost \$10.00 per student) 	\$
<i>Student wellbeing programs – Puberty Education, Cooking (\$10.00 per student)</i>	\$
<i>First aid equipment (\$10.00 per student)</i>	\$
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$
	\$
Total Contribution Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Book Packs

Dunolly Primary School has arranged stationary packs for each year level that families can purchase direct from Central Victorian Office Supplies/Education Plus. Details of when and how to pay are on the attached blue page. The details of the cost and what is in each year level pack is available on the website. For your convenience delivery will be made direct to the school ready for your child at the beginning of Term 1 2023.



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Dunolly 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. The costs for these will be finalised as soon as possible before each event to allow time for payment.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Year 3/4 Camp – Doxa Malmsbury Camp – possible no cost to parents through Positive Start program (22nd – 24th May 2023)</i>	\$200.00
<i>Year 5/6 Camp – Cottage by the Sea (13th – 17th November 2023)</i>	\$50.00 (approximately)
<i>One Class Excursion for each grade to be scheduled</i>	TBA
<i>School Photos (being taken first week of Term 2, Wednesday April 26th)</i>	TBA
<i>Various sports days – Selection process is used</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Noel Pollard Basketball</i> • <i>Lightning Premiership</i> • <i>Cross Country – regional and state</i> • <i>Athletics – district, regional and state</i> • <i>T20 Blast Cricket</i> 	TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (Concession card holders eligible)
- State School’s Relief (Concession card holders eligible)
- Instalment payments, flexible payment arrangements

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

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Family Name _____

Please return this page to school at the start of Term 1 2023

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Pay at time of activity

Payment methods

- Direct Deposit - BSB: 633 000 Account: 113221600
- Cash
- Cheque

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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

Volunteering Within the School

As we often hold fundraising events and working bees etc., we rely a lot on the assistance of parents and friends of the school who generously donate their time to ensure the success of these events. Please indicate below which areas you would be interested in volunteering your time towards.

	Parents & Friends Fundraising Association	Buildings & Grounds Committee	School Council Member	Working Bees
Name:				
Name:				

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.