



Fountain Gate Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Fountain Gate Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Fountain Gate Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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

In 2026, we have exciting plans to construct a sailing ship sandpit in the Foundation playground. To help us reach our fundraising target of \$25,000, we kindly invite each family to make a voluntary contribution of \$70. This project will provide students with valuable opportunities for imaginative, social, and physical learning.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ilknur Moore
Principal

Jaclyn Hancox
School Council President



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Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

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

Kim Spargo or Karen Eyre or

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Total

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Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$0
Other Contributions	\$70
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$0
Total	\$70

Payment methods

Compass, EFTPOS

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.



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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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.