

Fountain Gate Primary School

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Dear Parent/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's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Your financial support in 2023 allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Investigations, PE and Wellbeing.
- Maintain and develop the school grounds and play equipment.
- Ensure the upkeep of our iPad devices to enhance learning opportunities.
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills.
- Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes.
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions.
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment.
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies.
- Offer effective First Aid for all students.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children.

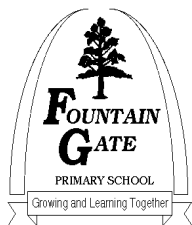
For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

The commitment from parents/carers to contribute, benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing, and engagement in learning.

Yours sincerely,

Ilknur Moore, Principal

Bronwyn De Zoysa, School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stationary – books, pencils, glue, scissors etc. \$56.00• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper \$15.00• English/Math/Science Resources – photocopying/printing in lieu of textbooks and other resources \$15.00	\$86.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential Numeracy \$9.00• Essential Literacy \$5.00	\$14.00
Total Amount	\$100.00

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
- payment plans

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

Karen Eyre

Ph: 03 9703 1187

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.



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.