



Dear Parent/guardian

South Yarra Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of South Yarra 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 the community for all your support, whether that is through making the financial contribution or volunteering your time at school. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

If you have any questions regarding the parent payment, please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

Neven Paleka
Principal

Shelley Freeman
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Classroom consumables, materials & (including but not limited to) Items include: 2 x Scrapbooks, 3 x Exercise Books 1 x Victorian Targeting Handwriting Student Book (Year 3-6) 1 x Display Folder 4 x Pencils, 1 x Coloured Pencils (Pack), 1 x Textas/Highlighters (Pack), 2 x Pens (Year 3-6) 1 x Sharpener, 1 x Ruler, 2 x Eraser 2 x Glue Stick 1 x Scissors 1 x Whiteboard Markers 2 x Tissues 1 x Earphones (Year 5-6) <i>*Amounts may vary depending on cohort level.</i></p> <p>Additional Classroom Consumables Literacy readers assorted coloured paper, PVA glue, cellophane, pipe cleaners, glitter, string, paint, ribbon, icy pole sticks, sequins, pipe cleaners, bobbles, feathers.</p>	\$155.00
<p>Integrated studies consumables for STEAM, inquiry, cooking and humanities Including but not limited to PVA glue, glitter, paddle pop sticks, sequins, balloons, string, cellophane, straws, pipe cleaners, Styrofoam shapes, clips, elastic bands, shaving cream, food dye, flour, sugar, eggs, salt, baking powder.</p>	\$ 55.00
<p>Consumables for Visual Arts and French and Physical Education Paint, paint brushes, pencils, oil pastels, charcoal, water colours, ink dye, coloured and white paper, newspaper, cardboard, clay, clag, PVA glue, textiles, haberdashery, string, paper towel, feathers, beads, cotton balls, wire, cellophane, pipe cleaners, goggle eyes, glaze, mosaic tiles, wood, canvases. Usage of all Sporting Equipment.</p>	\$130.00
<p>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</p>	\$ 80.00
<p>Digital Subscriptions and Assessments for Online Standardised testing App Licences, PAT Assessment, Essential Assessment, SCIS Data, Twinkle</p>	\$ 15.00
<p>Whole school events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Education \$15.00 • French Day \$20.00 	\$ 35.00
<p>Total Curriculum Contributions</p>	\$470.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid equipment, hygiene, and sanitation supplies for classrooms Covid safe sanitation supplies for classrooms and students including sanitiser, spare masks, hand wash, paper towel, antibacterial spray and disinfectant wipes, sunscreen, all first aid equipment for school and excursions	\$15.00
Student and Parent communication tools Compass communication systems and Kiosk, classrooms touch screen TVs for teaching	\$15.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$40.00
Total Other Contributions	\$70.00

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. <i>Suggested Amount \$150.00</i>	
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. <i>Suggested Amount \$50.00</i>	

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities- provided on a user-pay basis

South Yarra 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.

Financial Support for Families

South Yarra 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
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- School Council approved Principal's Discretionary Fund

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

Tara Norton
 Business Manager
 Ph: 03 9866 3424 | Email: South.Yarra.PS@education.vic.gov.au



Totals

Category	Suggested Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 470.00
Other Contributions	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i> \$ 70.00
	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i> \$ 200.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Pay as you go

Payment Methods

The 2023 Parent Payments for South Yarra Primary School can be accessed on Compass via the 'Payment Centre' on the Web Browser and App.

We would request for families to select your payment option in the Compass parent portal by Monday 27 February 2023, so the school can budget accordingly to provide additional provisions and resources for students. Your financial contributions ensure the high community expectation of the school can be met and continued high levels of achievement are attained.

The following payment options are available to families choosing to contribute to the school:

Option 1 Lump sum payment of contribution requested by Monday 27 February 2023.

Option 2 A flexible contribution option is available through Compass for families via 4 instalments throughout the year, 1 per school term.

South Yarra Primary School also continues to welcome your additional voluntary contributions throughout 2023.

Your support of your child's education is greatly appreciated and will enable South Yarra Primary School to continue to be at the forefront of educational provision.

If you require information on government financial assistance or any assistance with the payment of the 2023 Parent Payments on Compass, please contact the General Office.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis.

If Extra-Curricular Items and Activities, Excursion or Camp have been paid for which is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances e.g., snap lockdown, families will receive a credit on their account for the total paid. Family credits will be put towards any future events/camps, including those happening the following year. Where an event is missed credits are worked out on a case-by-case basis. Upon a family's exit from the school, they will be personally contacted to discuss any credits they may have on their account.

Refunds are worked out on a case-by-case basis and will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred by the school, the Department's Parent Payment 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

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.