

## 2024 Parent Payments

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 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 financial contributions 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 provide quality teaching and learning programs with the ongoing development of innovative and vibrant learning environments and to support the provision of extra resources to be purchased or accessed by students.

We are grateful and appreciate the generous contributions we received from our parent community which allows us to create a more conducive learning environment and ensure the school can continue to meet high levels of achievement and engagement.

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

Yours sincerely,

Neven Paleka  
Principal

Claudia Haeger  
School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<p><b>Improved classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment (including but not limited to)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stationery and other consumables for the classrooms (\$165.00)</b> Flat file, document wallet, zip pockets, coloured markers set, coloured pencils set, crayon set, whiteboard marker, learner/graphite pencils, sharpener, scissors, erasers, ruler, glue sticks / PVA glue, activity books, scrapbooks, ruled exercise books, dotted-thirds books, handwriting books, little whiteboard, display books, texta and highlighter sets, earphones, HB pencils, ballpoint pens, protractor, maths grid book, graph paper books, photocopying for the classroom, coloured paper, assorted craft supplies.</li> <li><b>Additional Literacy and Numeracy consumables (\$25.00)</b> Reader/class book sets, book boxes, calculators, maths kits and resources</li> <li><b>Stationery and Consumables for integrated studies, inquiry, science, cooking, and humanities (\$20.00)</b> Assorted craft and creativity supplies, and various food items</li> <li><b>Stationery and consumables for the specialist subjects, including STEAM, Music/Drama, French, Physical Education and Visual Arts (\$140.00)</b> Classroom consumables, sporting/music equipment, specialist-specific learning materials and immersive experience equipment.</li> </ul>	\$350.00
<p><b>Extra Digital Subscriptions and Assessments for Online Standardised Testing</b> App Licences, Seesaw, PAT Assessment, Essential Assessment, Edunet, SCIS Data, Mac Paw, Teacher Starter, Kahoot, Sunshine Online, Pluto, Twinkle.</p>	\$20.00
<p><b>ICT Devices and Provisions for Upkeep of School Devices</b> Enhanced digital learning opportunities for students including the provision of devices for the shared iPad classroom sets, PCs, touch screen TVs for teaching, device configuration, storage, replacement of broken or damaged equipment, robotics equipment</p>	\$85.00
<p><b>Whole School Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life Education</li> <li>French Day</li> </ul>	\$35.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>
<b>Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<p><b>Student and Parent Communication Tools</b> Compass communication systems and Kiosk, device maintenance, server/system costs, photocopiers, servers</p>	\$15.00
<p><b>Quality first aid equipment, hygiene, and sanitation supplies for classrooms</b> Tissues, sanitiser, hand wash, paper towel, antibacterial spray and disinfectant wipes, sunscreen, and all first aid equipment for school, excursions, and camps</p>	\$20.00
<p><b>Student wellbeing programs / Enhanced student support and programs</b> Wellbeing programs for students in the classroom as well as specialised programs, leadership programs, Student Voice and Agency, Literacy and Numeracy student support programs</p>	\$15.00
<p><b>School Grounds Maintenance and Improvements</b></p>	\$40.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

## Tax-deductible contributions

**Building Fund.** A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. **Suggested Amount \$150.00**

**Library Fund.** A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. **Suggested Amount \$50.00**

### Total Suggested Amount

**\$200.00**

### 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	\$ 490.00
Other Contributions	\$ 90.00
	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>
	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i>
	<i>Suggested \$200.00</i>
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Pay as you go

### Payment Methods

The 2024 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 that families select their payment option in the Compass parent portal by Monday 26 February 2024, so the school can budget accordingly to provide additional provisions and resources for students. Your financial

contributions ensure the high community expectations 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 26 February 2024.

**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 2024.

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 2024 'Recurring Contributions' on Compass, please contact the General Office.

### **Refunds**

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

If Extra-Curricular Items and Activities, Excursions or Camps have been paid for and are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, 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 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.