



Elphinstone Primary School

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WE CARE FOR – SELF – OTHERS – ENVIRONMENT

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Dear parent/guardian,

Elphinstone Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Elphinstone 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Elphinstone Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

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

Financial Support for Families: Elphinstone Primary understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- CSEF - the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- School Saving Bonus
- 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: Brendan Stewart – Principal Ph: 03 5473 3285
Email: Brendan.stewart@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Cash or Direct Bank Transfer

Account Name: Elphinstone Primary School

BSB: 063 093

Account: 1000 2840

Reference: Family/Student Name

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Stewart
Principal

Tara Hughes
School Council President

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"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science • Maths Subscriptions • English Subscriptions • Sports Equipment • Computers 	\$185.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$185.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Elphinstone 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Excursions as they are scheduled</i>	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 185
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
Total	\$ 185

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.