

Seaford Primary School No.3835

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*'from reality we gain
understanding'*

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Dear parent/guardian,

Seaford Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. We would like to advise you of Seaford 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. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

We are incredibly grateful for the many ways families support the school, whether through contributions, fundraising or volunteering time. This generosity makes a real difference to what we can offer our students. Voluntary contributions allow us to increase our curriculum budgets so that teachers can access high quality resources and materials to complement teaching and learning across all areas of the curriculum, going beyond the basics.

Building and grounds contributions help us maintain and improve our school environment, including gardens, play spaces and learning areas, ensuring that students have access to safe, engaging and well-presented facilities.

Online subscription contributions help offset the cost of subscribing to a range of online learning platforms that support our curriculum programs. These resources enrich classroom learning and provide students with access to high quality digital tools.

All voluntary contributions are co-payments, with the school contributing the larger portion through fundraising and other locally raised funds.

For further information on the Department of Education's Parent Payment Policy, please see the one-page overview attached.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Wilders
Principal

Kylie Culshaw
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, clay(\$xx) • Science – STEM equipment (\$xx) • Mathematics – engaging manipulatives (\$xx) • English – class phonic sets (\$xx) • Sports – equipment (\$xx)	\$90.00
Online subscriptions • SeeSaw – • Essential Assessments • Compass • Classroom screen • The Leader In Me – welfare program	\$20.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$110.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$35.00
Total Other Contributions	\$145.00

Educational items for students to own

Please refer to the attached instructions to enable you to purchase your educational items through Kookaburra

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

Seaford 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. These are provided on a user-pays basis and the cost will be advised throughout 2024.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2024. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Charlotte Wilders

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Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$110.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$ 35.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA

Payment methods

Payment for your child's Educational Items (booklist) along with the Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions is to be made via the attached information sheet through Cos – all in one place. If you have any issues or queries, please contact Erica on 9786 1357 (Payment contributions can also be made at the school office)

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.