



Aberfeldie Primary School

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Dear parent/guardian,

Aberfeldie Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Aberfeldie's financial contributions for 2023.

Within our school, the financial contributions from families have enabled us to provide greater depth and quality to the high standards of instruction being delivered across all classes. In recent years these curriculum contributions from families have been critical to purchasing and maintaining items such as *high-quality rich literature texts to support literacy and inquiry learning, resources for the specialist programs and Food Garden program, as well as digital technologies like Math Pathways and robots in our STEM space.*

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 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.

The following sections outline the estimated spend per student for 2023. For 2023, the school is requesting a minimum contribution of \$195 in the category of 'Curriculum Contributions' to support our ongoing quest to provide the highest standard of learning opportunities for our students. That is less than \$5 per week for the school year. This is an increase from our curriculum contributions requested for 2022, following a detailed review and considerations of what we wish to provision for learning in 2023.

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

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Gage
Principal

Trent Danaher
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> <i>For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Class stationary items such as poster paper and project books</i>• <i>Literacy and Numeracy materials</i>• <i>High-quality rich literature texts to support literacy and inquiry learning</i>• <i>Materials and resources for the teaching of mathematics</i>• <i>Classroom furniture and organisational resources</i>• <i>Wellbeing learning resources for mindfulness and resilience</i>• <i>Online subscriptions such as Math Pathways, ACER Progressive Achievement Test Assessments, SeeSaw, Reading Eggs.</i>	\$100
<i>Specialist classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sports equipment for the PE and Sports program</i>• <i>Resources for the Visual Arts such as paints, clay, brushes and fabrics</i>• <i>Texts and resources for the Japanese specialist program</i>	\$70
<i>Foundation to Year 6 ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10
<i>Printing and photocopying of work, sheets and learning materials</i>	\$15
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$195

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$5
<i>Sustainability Programs</i>	\$10
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$15
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$10
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$90



Tax deductible contributions

Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (Suggested - \$50).

\$

Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support purchases that sustain the library (Suggested - \$50).

Educational items for students to own

Located in Compass you will find a list of items (Book Pack lists) that the school recommends you purchase from Paperchase Office National for your child to individually own and use. To locate the list on Compass, open in browser and on the top tool bar click on the pencil icon, then select 'School Resources' and you will see a folder titled "2023 Parent Information". This folder contains the Paperchase Office National Flyer with instructions for purchase.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Aberfeldie Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis at the time.

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). To qualify for CSEF families must have a health care card.
- Payment plans.
- Additional financial support options.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Julie Doheney Ph: 03 9337 8084 Email:

Julie.doheney@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 195
Other Contributions (deductible)	(Non-tax) \$ 90



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	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i>	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		\$0
Total		\$

Payment methods

Payments can be made via Compass, we also accept EFTPOS, Cash, QKR.

Refunds

Aberfeldie Primary School 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.



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.