



# Aberfeldie Primary School

## Parent Payment Arrangements 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Aberfeldie Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide additional high-quality literature to support literacy and inquiry learning, additional classroom furniture, wellbeing resources, our kitchen garden program, additional digital technology, assessment and reporting programs, literacy and numeracy materials and to support our specialist subject areas.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Tyson Smith**

Principal

Aberfeldie Primary School

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment Classroom stationary items (eg poster paper and project books) Literacy materials and resources Numeracy equipment and resources High-quality rich literature texts to support literacy and inquiry learning Materials and resources for the teaching of mathematics Classroom furniture and organisational resources	\$100
Specialist Subjects consumables, materials & equipment Art – eg paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper Sports – equipment Languages - resources and materials Performing Arts - new musical equipment	\$80
Online subscriptions SeeSaw ACER Progressive achievement test Acadience Online Learning Essential Assessment (P-4) Math's Pathways (5/6) Compass Reading Doctor (intervention)	\$40
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
<u>Whole school events</u> Athletics carnival, Cross Country, Harmony Day, Mother's and Father's Day activities, End-of-term celebrations	\$20
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$260</b>
<b>Other Contributions</b> - 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>	\$15
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$50
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$95</b>
<b>Tax-deductible contributions</b>	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (Suggested - \$50)	Suggested \$100
<b>Library Fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support purchases that sustain the library (suggested \$50)	

## Educational items for students to own (Book Packs)

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Paperchase Office National for your child to individually own and use, commonly referred to as the 'book pack'.

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

Aberfeldie 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 may include:

- Excursions/incursions
- Camp
- Swimming Program
- Inter-school sports
- Private music tuition

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

## 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
- 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:

Tyson Smith

Ph: 03 9337 8084 | Email: tyson.smith@education.vic.gov.au

## Total suggested payments

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$260
Other Contributions	<i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>
	\$95
	<i>(Tax-deductible)</i>
	\$
	<i>\$100 suggested [parent to complete]</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<i>\$455 suggested [parent to complete]</i>

## Payment methods

Payments can be made via Compass, EFTPOS or cash at reception or the QKR app.

## Refunds

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, the Department's Parent Payments 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.