



Dear Families,

Coburg 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 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 contributions, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer, and has enabled us to provide every student with access to the essential equipment and resources required to support their learning and growth.

The parent contribution request for 2024 is **\$320 per student**. This is the same amount as 2023; no increase has been applied. A detailed breakdown of the items and activities covered by this \$320 contribution is attached. *(Please note that curriculum excursion and incursion costs are not included in the 2024 payment - these will be invoiced as they occur throughout the year).*

For families who wish to make an additional contribution we invite and encourage donations to the school's Building and Library funds. Donations to these funds are tax deductible and can be included at the time of making your 2024 voluntary contribution.

Payments can be made electronically via Compass.

Coburg Primary School makes every effort to keep parent contribution requests to a minimum and affordable for all parents. We understand some families may face financial difficulty and there are a range of support options and alternative payment arrangements available. For a confidential discussion please contact Dianne Barresi on 9354 9332.

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

Yours sincerely,

Matt Kerby
Principal

Jacob Kantor
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
<i>Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</i>	
Classroom consumables, materials, and equipment (back-to-school book packs)	\$80
Bulk class supplies and specialist supplies, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science / STEM – materials and equipment • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • English – book boxes / home readers • Sports – equipment 	\$190
Online subscriptions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seesaw • Compass • GradeXpert 	\$20
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$20
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$320

Other Contributions: Tax-Deductible Contributions	Amount
Building fund (<i>suggested donation: \$100</i>) A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$
Library fund (<i>suggested donation: \$100</i>) A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment to sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$
Total Amount of Tax-Deductible Contributions	\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Coburg 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

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.