

Dear Families,

We would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2026, to support another great year of teaching and learning for our students at Coburg Primary School.

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 the annual parent payment, fundraising or volunteering your time.

Your commitment makes a real difference in creating an engaging and supportive learning environment for all our students.

2026 Voluntary Contribution

For 2026, the voluntary contribution amount will be **\$340 per student**. A detailed breakdown of how these funds support your child's education is attached.

Please note: Curriculum excursions and incursions will be invoiced separately throughout the year, and many students may still have credits from the School Savings Bonus Scheme to assist with this.

Additional Ways to Support

We also invite and encourage donations to the school's Building and Library funds – which make a real difference to supporting the students' classroom resources and environment. This year, the Library Fund has been used to purchase a selection of physical and digital books for the Library whilst also setting up a new Library in the Junior School. The Building Fund has been used to purchase interactive whiteboards for the classroom, air conditioning, painting and floor resurfacing.

In 2026, our goal is to use the money from the Library Fund to further purchase new books and digital resources (online and offline materials used to support teaching and learning) thus adding further to the library collection and supporting every student, in every classroom.

Donations to these funds are **tax deductible** and can be included at the time of making your 2026 voluntary contribution. The suggested amounts are a guide only, and all contributions are welcome and gratefully received.

Payments can be made electronically via Compass.

Support for Families

We understand that every family's circumstances are different. If you would like to discuss flexible payment arrangements or other support options, please contact our Business Manager, Dianne Barresi, for a confidential conversation on 9354 9332.

The Department's Parent Payments Policy overview is attached for your reference.

Thank you for being part of our school community. Your support, in whatever form it takes, helps us provide the best possible education for every student at Coburg Primary.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Kerby
Principal

Caroline Hughes
School Council Treasurer

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
<i>Items and activities that students either 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: • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science / STEM – materials and equipment • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • English – book boxes / home readers • Sports – equipment	\$200
Online subscriptions, including: • Seesaw • Compass • GradeXpert	\$30
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$20
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$340

Other Contributions: Tax-Deductible Contributions	Amount
Library fund (<i>suggested donation: \$150</i>) <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support the library, by purchasing a selection of new physical and digital books on both campuses, digital resources (online and offline materials used to support teaching and learning), and support every student in every classroom, which sustains the library as a valuable resource.</i>	\$
Building fund (<i>suggested donation: \$100</i>) <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>	\$
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.