



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 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 contributions, whether that is through the annual parent payment, fundraising or volunteering your time. Your generosity has made a real difference in creating an engaging and supportive learning environment for all our students.

### 2025 Voluntary Contribution

For 2025, we're maintaining our voluntary contribution amount at **\$320 per student** (unchanged from 2024). 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.*

### Additional Ways to Support

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 2025 voluntary contribution.

Payments can be made electronically via Compass.

### Support for Families

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

### Important Update: School Saving Bonus

Families may also be aware that the Government will be providing a one-off School Saving Bonus of \$400 for every student for 2025. This payment can be used towards the cost of uniforms and school activities, but please note that it cannot be applied to the voluntary contribution. More details about how this bonus will operate will be available next month.

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

Jacob Kantor  
School Council President

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<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"> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</li> <li>• Science / STEM – materials and equipment</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy blocks</li> <li>• English – book boxes / home readers</li> <li>• Sports – equipment</li> </ul>	\$190
Online subscriptions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seesaw</li> <li>• Compass</li> <li>• GradeXpert</li> </ul>	\$20
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$20
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$320</b>

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

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>
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.