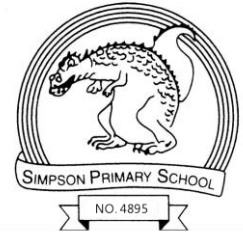


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November 2021

Dear Parents,

Simpson Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of their voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 your continued financial support in ensuring that our students have the best possible educational opportunities, and hands on learning resources, so that they can experience success within all Victorian Curriculum subject areas taught. Your ongoing support in this area makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

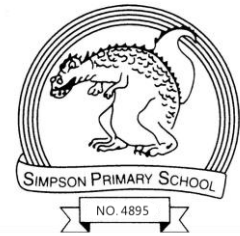
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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art – paint, crayons, pipe cleaners, glitter, coloured paper, etc (\$5)• STEM – hands on learning resources (\$10)• Mathematics – hands on learning resources (\$10)• English – hands on learning resources (\$10)• Sports – equipment (\$5)	\$40
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential Assessment – Maths• Reading Eggs	\$10
Digital Technology – provision of devices and apps from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Safety Program – eg. Entry, lessons, equipment & transport (TBA)	\$ TBA
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$10
Total Amount	\$80

Educational items for students to own

This year there are changes to the way educational items will be purchased and distributed.

Still to come is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase online from COS for your child to individually own and use. **A booklist will be sent home very soon.** Your items will be delivered to your home for you to label and be ready for the beginning of the year. Should you choose to purchase independently, please ensure the writing books are the correct sizing as listed.

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Simpson Primary School offers a range of items, activities and excursions 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.

The table below indicates the costing of extra-curricular programs and activities.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional Year 3-6 school camp	\$TBA
Other optional excursions to be scheduled – Cultural levy <i>this amount will remain in credit on your family account and be allocated to excursions as they arise. If an unused amount remains at the end of 2022 this will transfer to 2023 or be refunded if requested.</i>	\$30
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$110

Financial Support for Families

Simpson 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 School Relief
- Payment Plan

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Tabatha Robb

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Payment methods

Direct Deposit

or

Cash or Cheque

Account name: Simpson Primary School Council Official Account

BSB: 063 508

Acc. No.: 0090 1460

Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis considering the individual circumstances. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is

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reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment 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 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.

This section needs to be completed and returned to school no later than Friday 3rd December 2021 (no payment is required at this time).

Please fill in the categories below for each child for the 2022 school year.

Student Name:

2022 Year Level:

Category	
Curriculum Contributions - suggested amounts Classroom consumables, materials & equipment - \$40 Online Subscriptions - \$10 <i>Digital Technology – provision of devices and apps from the shared classroom sets - \$10</i> Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials - \$10 <i>Whole school events (Swimming) - \$TBA</i>	\$70
Other Contributions - suggested amounts <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements - \$10</i>	\$10
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Camp Other optional excursions to be scheduled – Cultural Levy <i>this amount will remain in credit on you family account and be allocated to excursions as they arise. If an unused amount remains at the end of 2022 this will transfer to 2023 or be refunded if requested.</i>	\$TBA \$30
Final Total	\$110