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## PARENT PAYMENTS 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Gormandale & District Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. We would like to advise you of Gormandale & District Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 appreciate all of your support, whether that be financial or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

We use contributions made by families to directly support our students. Contributions are used to purchase equipment and resources, including the provision of quality digital learning platforms.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Charleigh Williams*  
*Principal*

*Ellen Sykes*  
*School Council President*

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom- pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing and scrap books, folders, scissors, ruler etc.</li> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</li> <li>• Science – ingredients, consumables, classroom materials</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy blocks and materials, calculators, stationary</li> <li>• English – Targeting Handwriting or Vic Modern Cursive writing, readers, class reading sets</li> <li>• Physical Education &amp; Sports – equipment, materials</li> <li>• Library- books, readers, subscriptions</li> <li>• LOTE- stationary, classroom material</li> <li>• STEM- stationary, equipment and materials</li> </ul>	\$80.00
<p><i>Online Subscriptions per student</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential Assessment (program access)</li> <li>• Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) – Numeracy and Reading</li> <li>• SPA- Student data portal and assessment</li> <li>• Mathletics</li> <li>• Reading Eggs</li> </ul>	\$40.00
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$10.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>

<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50.00
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Gormandale & District 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Information for these events will be provided to parents throughout the school year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
<i>Optional Grade 3-6 school camp</i>
<i>Optional school photos</i>
<i>Optional Grade 6 jacket</i>
<i>Optional excursions and incursions to be scheduled</i>

### Financial Support for Families

Gormandale & District Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State School's Relief

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

Michelle Mitchell – Business Manager

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level for 2023:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	
Curriculum Contributions (\$140)	\$
Other Contributions (\$50)	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Payment methods**

- Direct Deposit BSB 033-222 ACC 019138
- Cash or Cheque

**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 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.