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2025 Books and Voluntary Contributions (Parent Payments)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Gormandale & District Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Gormandale & District Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

What are voluntary contributions?

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 all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Programs and initiatives supported by voluntary contributions

Within our school, this support has allowed us to provide a wide array of specialist classes and devices for digital learning. In 2025, the curriculum contribution will change slightly. Student books and online learning subscriptions will be provided by the school; however, students will be required to bring their own stationary items. Due to this, the annual amount of curriculum contributions has decreased.

To support families, our school is inviting payments in a range of different manners, with payments in full, quarterly (\$40 per term), and monthly (\$16/month January-October) being common.

Please note: Payments are not necessary until the 2025 school year.

What your contributions pay for:

| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | | Amount |
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| <i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> | | \$75 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art & craft supplies (paint, crayons, glitter, coloured paper etc) • Auslan - handouts • English –readers & class novels • Mathematics – calculators, protractors & hands on resources such as blocks, counters etc • Digital & Design Technologies equipment • Sports equipment • Science equipment and materials for experiments • Library Books • Scrapbooks • Exercise books (single lined & dotted thirds) • Exercise books (sky, grass, dirt) • Exercise books (grid book) • Display books | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4 & A3 Laminating Pouches • Mini whiteboards (for student use) • Whiteboard markers (for student use) • Highlighters • Blu-Tack • Scissors • Sticky tape • Document wallets • Headphones • Printing and photocopying of learning materials & worksheets • Tissues • Paper towel • Hand sanitiser | |
| <i>Online Subscriptions per student</i> | | \$50 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compass to support parent communication & report writing • Online Assessment Tools (Essential Assessment, BrightPath & PAT) • Matific • Reading Eggs & Writing Legends | | |
| <i>ICT Devices</i> – provision of 1:1 devices and headphones from the classroom sets | | \$35 |
| Total Voluntary Amount | | \$ 160.00 |

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| Textbooks Years 2-6 ONLY: New Wave Mental Maths & New Wave English Skills | \$30 |
| Total Amount | \$30.00 |

| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
|--|-----------------|
| School grounds maintenance and improvements | \$50 |
| Total Other Contributions | \$ 50.00 |

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 |
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| <i>Optional Grade 3/4 & 5/6 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
- School Saving Bonus

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 2025: _____

| CONTRIBUTIONS | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Curriculum Contributions (\$160) | \$ |
| Textbooks (\$30) | \$ |
| Other Contributions (\$50) | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ |

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.