

APPIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Appin Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Appin Park's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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 voluntary contributions, 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 Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Carson

Principal

Student Name: **Year Level:**

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount per Student	Total per Family
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student stationery supplies (\$35)• Art supplies – paint, crayons, coloured paper, glue sticks (\$25) Other Amount	\$60.00 or \$.....	\$
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential Assessment (\$13.10)• Reading Eggs (\$10.40) Other Amount	\$23.50 or \$.....	\$
Student iPad Other Amount	\$75.00 or \$.....	\$
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Other Amount	\$45.00 or \$.....	\$
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities		
First aid equipment Other Amount	\$5.00 or \$.....	\$
School grounds maintenance and improvements Other Amount	\$50.00 or \$.....	\$

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Tax deductible contributions		
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$50.00 or	\$
	Other Amount \$.....	

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Appin Park 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. The information below is for information only. No payment is required until prior to the activity.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount per student	Total per Family
Optional Year 5/6 Camp – Urban Camp, Melbourne (to be confirmed)	\$370	\$
Optional Swimming Sessions – Barr Reserve	TBA	TBA
Optional Year 5/6 Interschool Sports program (per trip)	\$5.00	\$
Other optional excursions/activities to be scheduled	TBA	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Appin Park understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and payment plans for extra-curricular items and activities. Small, regular amounts can often make paying for these easier for families. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Fiona Carson or Nicole Godde.

Payment methods: We accept cash, Eftpos and BPay - please contact the office for BPay codes.

Totals per Family	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

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.

Please return this form by Friday, 16th December.

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.