



Dear parent/guardian,

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

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

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. Each year your financial contributions assist us to:

- Purchase art, music, science and physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports our specialists to provide exemplary programs.
- Add new material for teachers to use to support personalised and enriched learning in reading, writing and maths, an aspect of our school that is highly valued by our school community.
- Upgrade classroom televisions, laptops and iPads, ensuring that our students have access to the latest technology to support their learning
- Maintain high safety standards in our playgrounds.

In 2022 you enabled us to:

- Renovate the Kitchen in Technology (science) Room
- Paint the main building
- Upgrade plumbing in Students bathrooms
- Contribute to the new Shade Sail in front of our Foundation class
- Buy a new class set of Laptops

Please find below Cardinia Primary School voluntary financial contributions schedule for 2023, which includes an overview of how we will use your contributions.

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.

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

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Susan Wepster

School Council President

Sarah Moore

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, etc (\$17) • Science – consumables (\$3) • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, subscriptions and recourses (\$24) • English – book boxes and recourses (\$65) • Sports – equipment (\$12) • AUSLAN (\$62) • Music – instruments (\$10) • Library Books (\$17) • Classroom Stationaries (\$126) 	\$100
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$50
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$170

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$5
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$5
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$5
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$15
Total Other Contributions	\$30

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Cardinia Primary School offers a range of optional 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>School Camp</i>	TBA
<i>Sleepover</i>	TBA
<i>Excursion/Incursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA
<i>Interschool Sports</i>	TBA
<i>Swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals</i>	TBA
<i>Swimming lessons</i>	TBA

Financial Support for Families

Cardinia 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 Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

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

Veronika Afanasyeva

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Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$170
Other Contributions	\$30
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Payment methods

QKR! Application, BPay, EFT, Cash, 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.

Attachment

Educational items for students to purchase and own

Items	Qty	Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Faber Castell Triangular Coloured Pencils - Pack 12	1		*	*				
Faber Castell Classic Colour Pencils - Pack 12	1				*	*	*	*
Crayola Twist Crayons Pack 12	1		*	*	*	*		
Faber Castell Connector Colouring Pens - Pack 12	1		*	*	*	*	*	*
Faber-Castell Junior Triangular Pencil - 2B	8		*	*				
Staedtler Tradition Pencil HB	8				*			
Staedtler Tradition Pencil HB	4					*	*	*
Staedtler Red Checking Pencil	2		*	*				
Faber Castell PVC Eraser White - Large	2		*	*	*	*	*	*
Maped Shaker Sharpener - 2 Hole with catch	1		*	*	*	*	*	*
Micador Polished Wooden Ruler 30cm	1		*	*	*	*	*	*
Scissors - Kindy Right <u>or Left</u> Handed 135mm	1		*	*	*	*	*	*
Papermate Inkjoy 1.0mm Blue	4						*	*
Papermate Inkjoy 1.0mm Blue	2					*		
Papermate Inkjoy 1.0mm Red	2				*	*	*	*
UHU Re Nature Glue Stick - 40g	4		*	*	*	*	*	*
Pencil Case	1		*	*	*	*	*	*
A4 Writing & Exam Bank Pad - 100 Leaf	1				*	*	*	*
Display Book <u>Blue</u> A4 Refillable 20 Pocket	1	*						
Manilla Board Document Wallet 30mm Gusset Foolscap Blue	1		*	*	*	*		
Recorder <u>Yamaha</u>	1	*	#	#	#	#	#	#

for any new students

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) 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.