

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Parent Payments 2025

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

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 our students the best possible education and support. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering. This has made a massive difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Your support has been crucial in creating a successful, holistic education program. Recent examples include:

- expansive intervention/enhancement and wellbeing programs
- school nurse
- decodable books, take-home readers, books and resources for the library
- student textbooks for writing, spelling, and maths
- digital learning subscriptions and devices
- fan in the gym
- maintenance of our school grounds, split system air conditioners upstairs in the main building, widening of Austin Street gates, resurfacing of areas inside of Austin Street and after school care gates.

A breakdown of voluntary parent payments for 2025 follows and comprises:

- curriculum contributions (items and activities that students use or participate in to access the curriculum)
- other contributions (first aid, grounds safety and maintenance, library)
- building fund (tax-deductible contributions to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure).

Note that the Victorian Department of Education has incorporated online subscriptions and ICT devices into the core curriculum contributions for 2025.

For your information, we have also outlined estimated costs for extra-curricular items and activities, such as excursions and camps. These are projected figures to assist you with budgeting for the upcoming school year.

We will send out a Compass notification shortly with information on how to pay your voluntary parent payments. In the meantime, please see attached advice on financial support for families and a one-page overview for further information on the department's Parent Payments Policy.

Regards,

Dean Napier

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Principal

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use or participate in to access the curriculum	Amount
<p>Prep to Grade 6 Curriculum Consumables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationery packs – including (but not limited to) textas, pencils, crayons, pens, rulers, scissors, erasers, books and paper Classroom consumables – science and technology consumables, in-house activities for health, wellbeing, history, English, mathematics, and environmental studies (e.g. handwriting book, Typing Club, Maths300) Specialist consumables – visual arts, performing arts, French, physical education Assessment tools – Essential Assessment, SPA tracker 	\$255
<p>Online subscriptions Prep to Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Eggs <p>Online subscriptions Year 3 to Year 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epic Books 	\$25
<p>ICT software and devices</p> <p>Includes provision of software, class iPads, laptops, device storages and charging stations, and assists with the upkeep and upgrading of the digital learning environment</p>	\$60
TOTAL	\$340

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p>First aid services and support</p> <p>This includes providing first aid services and supplies and personnel training, school EpiPens, first aid kits, band-aids, icepacks, generic Ventolin and spacers, etc.</p>	\$60
<p>Grounds safety and maintenance</p> <p>Includes the maintenance of playgrounds and school facilities to ensure a safe and compliant student space (e.g. maintenance of the gymnasium floor, fall protection in playgrounds, playground safety inspections and oval maintenance).</p>	\$80
<p>Library fund</p> <p>Includes books, resources, shelving, e-library subscription, research and catalogue stations.</p>	\$60

Tax-deductible contributions	
<p>Building fund</p> <p>A contribution to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure.</p>	\$100

Extra-curricular items and activities

Hughesdale Primary 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.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Estimated amount
These are based on 2024 prices and are subject to change	
Prep – Year 6 Swimming Lessons (10-day program as well as transport to and from the venue)	\$120
School camps (Years 3 and 6)	TBA
Interschool sports program (Years 5 and 6)	\$80
Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country	\$12
Years 3 to 6 House Swimming Carnival	\$20
Years 3 to 6 Athletics Day	\$20
Year 6 Graduation	\$25
Excursion and incursions to be scheduled	TBA

Category		Totals
Curriculum contributions		\$340
Other contributions	Non-tax deductible	\$200
	<i>Library, first aid and grounds/maintenance</i>	
	Tax-deductible	
	<i>Building fund</i>	\$100
TOTAL		\$640
Extra-curricular items and activities		\$TBA

Financial support for families

Hughesdale 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 the school's Business Manager, Louise Trimble, on 9570 4808 or at louise.trimble@education.vic.gov.au

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY



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) including the VCE Vocational Major 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.