



Dear parent/guardian,

Forest Street Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Forest Street Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Please note that due to the late release of Department funding for swimming 2022 the initial cost to families of \$55 has been removed. Swimming for 2022 has been fully funded by Department of Education (DET). Families who have paid the \$55 will currently have this money sitting in their school account as a credit. You are welcome to use these funds toward future costs/excursions or alternately to request a refund.

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. 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,

Jillian Burt

Principal

Jo Hardacre

School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Term	Grade	Amount
Curriculum Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Mathematics – resources • English – resources • Sports – equipment • Online subscriptions – Mathletics, SeeSaw • Provision of ICT devices Printing and photocopying		Whole School	\$55
Mount Rowan Performance		Whole School	\$2
Sovereign Hill	Term 1	Foundation Grade 1 & 2	\$5
Life Education	Term 2	Whole School	\$16.50
Kirk's Reservoir	Term 2	Foundation Grade 1 & 2	\$2
Werribee Zoo	Term 4	Foundation Grade 1 & 2	\$40
Sovereign Hill Costume School	Term 1	Grade 5/6	\$55
Creswick Woolen Mills	Term 2	Grade 5/6	\$6
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities			Amount
Graduation	Term 4	Grade 6	\$35
Cave Hill Creek Camp	Term 4	Grade 3/4	\$290
Grade 2 Sleepover	Term 4	Grade 2	\$20
Additional sporting programs		As advised	As advised
Educational items for students to own			



Student Stationary (Book List) (purchased through third party supplier)		Whole School	TBA
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Financial Support for Families

Forest Street 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 School Relief
- Payment Plans

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

Jillian Burt

Ph: 03 53392110

Email: forest.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Bpay

Direct Credit

Centrepay

Eftpos

Cash

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. Swimming is costed by the number of students enrolled and cannot be refunded once the program has commenced.

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.