

School Level Parent Payment Policy



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Purpose

Instruction in the standard curriculum program is provided free to all students in Victorian government schools. Free instruction includes learning and teaching, instructional supports, materials and resources, administration and facilities associated with the provision of the standard curriculum program.

The standard curriculum program encompasses the core learning and teaching activities associated with the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). The standard curriculum package covers all the materials that are used as part of the standard curriculum taught in all Victorian Government schools. They include such things as library books, physical education equipment and teaching and learning materials for the core subjects.

Currently funding provided by the Federal and State Governments is insufficient to meet all of the requisite classroom materials. To provide a comprehensive curriculum that meets the needs of the school community and is in line with community expectations of educational standards, additional parental payments are required. These funds are utilised for classroom consumables, curriculum texts, camps, and excursions.

Guidelines

There are three categories of educational items or services that school council can request payments from parents and or guardians:

- essential educational items which parents/guardians are required to provide or pay the school to provide for their child (e.g. stationery, textbooks and school uniforms where required).
- optional extras which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents/guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates in (e.g. extra-curricular programs or camps and excursions)
- voluntary financial contributions which parents/guardians may be invited to donate to the school (e.g. Building Fund, out of classroom sessional music, grounds beautification).

Implementation

The School will offer to purchase essential items on behalf of all parents.

If parents choose to provide equivalent materials, this should be done in consultation with the school, and should meet the specifications provided by the school.

The school reserves the right to request items be provided only by the school e.g. School Planner, ID Cards etc.

Essential Payments

Essential payments are for those materials provided in addition to the 'standard curriculum program', and which are offered to all students. These are provided to the students and are taken possession of by the students. These items include:

- ID Cards
- School Planner
- College Produced Textbooks
- Elective Charges for materials supplied and for Year 7 and 8 Art/Technology Materials

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Roles and responsibilities

Optional extras are those that are provided in addition to the 'standard curriculum program', and which are offered to all students. These optional extras are provided on a user-pays basis and if you choose to access them for your child you will be required pay for the instructional supports, resources and administration beyond the provision of the standard curriculum program (for example, student computer printing for personal use, internet access for recreational or non-school use, and religious education materials);

- Payments Common to all Students
- instrumental music tuition
- internal/school-based performances, productions and events

Voluntary Payments

- Schools may invite voluntary financial contributions for the following:
- contributions to a building fund (ATO approved and tax deductible)
- general voluntary financial contributions or donations to the school.

Policy Review and Approval

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