



PARKDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

16 October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parkdale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Parkdale Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 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 and the continued generosity of the Parkdale Primary School community has allowed us to:

- employ a part-time Maintenance/Grounds person, your voluntary contribution enhances the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the school grounds,
- ongoing purchase and maintenance of air conditioners,
- refurbishing existing classrooms, painting, maintenance of school fences and maintenance of the school oval,
- employ a First Aid staff member,
- purchase extra digital devices such as laptops and iPads to allow for one-to-one access,
- increase the amount of hands-on materials in the Art Room,
- increase the accessibility of sports equipment available to students,
- continual resourcing and restocking of literacy books and library books.

Curriculum Consumables, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Contributions

Please find attached a breakdown of the 2024 Contributions.

Essential items for students to own (online ordering via Campion)

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

We want the students at Parkdale Primary School to have access to the best learning environment possible. Your contributions help to us achieve this goal.

Financial Support for Families

Parkdale Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports events and excursions.
- State Schools Relief provides assistance for several items for Foundation students who are eligible for CSEF.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Helen Teasdale (Business Manager) or Leanne Bradney (Principal) on 9580 1451.

Payment methods

The following payment methods are offered by the school:

- Compass Pay (Preferred method)
- BPAY
- EFTPOS

School Contributions are due by 2 February 2024, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

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.

The Department of Education & Training Parent Payments Policy is also attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

Suzanne Kneen
School Council President