



PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

South Melbourne Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Victorian State Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Department of Education and Training Victoria has been working with schools to strengthen the parent payment policy.

The payments are divided into three areas:

1. Curriculum Contributions (*essential student learning items*)
2. Other Contributions (*supporting non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives*)
3. Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (*optional items and activities such as camps and excursions, that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the curriculum. Extra-curricular items and activities are provided on a user-pays basis*)

Support and contributions from families allows us to offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for your children, including enhanced digital learning opportunities, new learning resources for literacy and maths, offer effective first aid for all students and arrange individual student supplies and class bulk supplies. Every effort has been made to minimise the costs; however, any increase is due to genuine price rise for individual items and resources.

These funds are voluntary, but they allow SMPS to continue to offer a broad curriculum and a wide range of programs for our community's children.

You can also make tax-deductible voluntary contributions towards targeted funding streams such as the Library Fund and Building Fund. In 2024, with your donations, we hope to continue to create an inviting library space and to install acoustic treatment in the gym to compliment the audio-visual system.

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

Financial Support for Families

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

- **CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)** provided by Department of Education and is automatically paid to family accounts. Applications are available via the school and families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for \$125 of funding each year.

- Access to **States School Relief** for support with clothing/uniforms.
- Second-hand and low-cost options (e.g. school clothing pool, low cost suppliers)
- Local community supports.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Colin Mountney - Business Manager
Ph: 03 9935 9399 | Email: colin.mountney@smmps.vic.edu.au

Payment Arrangements and Methods

Payments can be made to the school via the following methods:

- Paying via EFTPOS at Reception
- Online via Compass as a lump sum
- Flexible contribution options
- CentrePay
- Direct Deposit (please contact the school for details)
- BPAY (please contact the School for your Family Reference Number).

Please note that we are a Cashless School.

Refunds

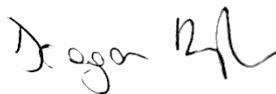
Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred.

For further information on the Policy, view the [Department's Parent Payment Policy](#).

Yours sincerely,



Noel Creece
Principal



Dragan Rajak
School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount		
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, material · Classroom Stationery - paper, scissors, folders, writing books, mini whiteboard and markers, pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, maths workbooks, headphones, crayons, pencil grip, tissues, write and wipe sleeve, book tubs · Student Diary · Mandarin – notebooks, paper, items for cultural projects · Sports – equipment, PE resources · Music – instruments, books, markers, folders 	\$200.00		
Online Subscriptions <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SeeSaw · Quizlet · PAT Early Years Reading · Wushka · Wushka Plus </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Phonics Play · Sometics · PAT Early Years Maths · Prime Mathematics </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SeeSaw · Quizlet · PAT Early Years Reading · Wushka · Wushka Plus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Phonics Play · Sometics · PAT Early Years Maths · Prime Mathematics 	\$90.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SeeSaw · Quizlet · PAT Early Years Reading · Wushka · Wushka Plus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Phonics Play · Sometics · PAT Early Years Maths · Prime Mathematics 		
iPad – provision of school devices allocated to individual students *Annual contribution from Prep – Grade 3	\$150.00		
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00		
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount		
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · House Sports Day - entry and transport · Sport Affiliations costs – District Sports events, School Sports Victoria 	\$10.00		
Grounds maintenance	\$50.00		
Enhanced wellbeing support	\$50.00		
First aid and hygiene materials	\$80.00		
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – optional items and activities	Amount		
Incursions/Excursions	\$150.00		
Sponsorship for Camps/Excursions for Financial Hardship affected students at SMPS. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated.			
Tax deductible donation			
Building fund. A tax-deductible donation to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested: \$150.00)			
Library fund. A tax-deductible donation to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested: \$150.00)			

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$450.00
Other Contributions	\$190.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$790.00

GRADE 1

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, material · Classroom Stationery - paper, scissors, folders, writing books, pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, maths workbooks, wipe and write sleeves, whiteboard markers, tissues, display folders · Student Diary · Mandarin – notebooks, paper, items for cultural projects · Sports – equipment, PE resources · Music – instruments, books, markers, folders 	\$173.00
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SeeSaw · Quizlet · Reading Eggs · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Phonics Play · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · Mathseeds · Prime Mathematics 	\$87.00
iPad – provision of school devices allocated to individual students *Annual contribution from Prep to Grade 3	\$150.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · House Sports Day - entry and transport · Sport Affiliations costs – District Sports events, School Sports Victoria 	\$10.00
Grounds maintenance	\$50.00
Enhanced wellbeing support	\$50.00
First aid and hygiene materials	\$80.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – optional items and activities	Amount
Incursions/Excursions	\$150.00
Sponsorship for Camps/Excursions for Financial Hardship affected students at SMPS. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated.	
Tax deductible donation	
Building fund. A tax-deductible donation to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested: \$150.00)	
Library fund. A tax-deductible donation to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested: \$150.00)	

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$420.00
Other Contributions	\$190.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$760.00

GRADE 2

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, material · Classroom Stationery - paper, scissors, folders, writing books, whiteboard markers, pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, maths workbooks, spelling sheets, erasers, rulers, display folders, sharpeners, · Student Diary · Mandarin – notebooks, paper, items for cultural projects · Sports – equipment, PE resources · Music – instruments, books, markers, folders 	\$203.00
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">· SeeSaw <li style="width: 50%;">· Sometics <li style="width: 50%;">· Quizlet <li style="width: 50%;">· Maths Invaders <li style="width: 50%;">· Reading Eggs <li style="width: 50%;">· PAT Maths <li style="width: 50%;">· PAT reading <li style="width: 50%;">· Mathseeds <li style="width: 50%;">· MyOn <li style="width: 50%;">· PAT Vocabulary Skills <li style="width: 50%;">· Essential Assessment <li style="width: 50%;">· PrIme Mathematics <li style="width: 50%;">· AGAT 	\$87.00
iPad – provision of school devices allocated to individual students *Annual contribution from Prep to Grade 3	\$150.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · House Sports Day - entry and transport · Sport Affiliations costs – District Sports events, School Sports Victoria 	\$10.00
Grounds maintenance	\$50.00
Enhanced wellbeing support	\$50.00
First aid and hygiene materials	\$80.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – optional items and activities	Amount
Incursions/Excursions	\$120.00
Sponsorship for Camps/Excursions for Financial Hardship affected students at SMPS. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated.	
Tax deductible donations	
Building fund. A tax-deductible donation to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested: \$150.00)	
Library fund. A tax-deductible donation to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested: \$150.00)	

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$450.00
Other Contributions	\$190.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$760.00

GRADE 3

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount		
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, material · Classroom Stationery - paper, scissors, folders, writing books, textas, pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, maths workbooks, spelling sheets, headphones, tissues, rulers · Student Diary · Mandarin – notebooks, paper, items for cultural projects · Sports – equipment, PE resources · Music – instruments, books, markers, folders 	\$192.00		
Online Subscriptions <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SeeSaw · Quizlet · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment · AGAT · Accelerated Reader </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · PAT Vocabulary Skills · Mathletics · SoundTrap · PrIme Mathematics </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SeeSaw · Quizlet · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment · AGAT · Accelerated Reader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · PAT Vocabulary Skills · Mathletics · SoundTrap · PrIme Mathematics 	\$98.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · SeeSaw · Quizlet · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment · AGAT · Accelerated Reader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · PAT Vocabulary Skills · Mathletics · SoundTrap · PrIme Mathematics 		
iPad – provision of devices allocated to individual students *Annual contribution from Grade 1 to 3	\$180.00		
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00		
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount		
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · House Sports Day - entry and transport · Sport Affiliations costs – District Sports events, School Sports Victoria · Athletics Carnival · Sports Gala Days incl. transport 	\$60.00		
Grounds maintenance	\$50.00		
Enhanced wellbeing support	\$50.00		
First aid and hygiene materials	\$80.00		
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – optional items and activities	Amount		
Incursions/Excursions	\$120.00		
Grade 3/4 Camp	TBA		
Sponsorship for Camps/Excursions for Financial Hardship affected students at SMPS. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated.			
Tax deductible donations			
Building fund. A tax-deductible donation to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested: \$150.00)			
Library fund. A tax-deductible donation to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested: \$150.00)			

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$480.00
Other Contributions	\$240.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$840.00

GRADE 4

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount		
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, material · Classroom Stationery - paper, scissors, folders, writing books, textas, pencils, glue sticks, highlighters, maths workbooks, spelling sheets, erasers, pens · Student Diary · Mandarin – notebooks, paper, items for cultural projects · Sports – equipment, PE resources · Music – instruments, books, markers, folders 	\$186.00		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Quizlet · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment · AGAT · Accelerated Reader · PrIme Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · PAT Vocabulary Skills · Mathletics · SoundTrap 		
Laptop - provision of devices allocated to individual students *Annual contribution from Grade 4 - 6	\$295.00		
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00		
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount		
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · House Sports Day - entry and transport · Sport Affiliations costs – District Sports events, School Sports Victoria · Athletics Carnival · Sports Gala Days incl. transport 	\$60.00		
Grounds maintenance	\$50.00		
Enhanced wellbeing support	\$50.00		
First aid and hygiene materials	\$80.00		
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – optional items and activities	Amount		
Incursions/Excursions	\$120.00		
Grade 3/4 Camp	TBA		
Sponsorship for Camps/Excursions for Financial Hardship affected students at SMPS. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated.			
Tax deductible donations			
Building fund. A tax-deductible donation to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested: \$150.00)			
Library fund. A tax-deductible donation to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested: \$150.00)			

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$581.00
Other Contributions	\$240.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$941.00

GRADE 5

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount		
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, material · Classroom Stationery - paper, scissors, folders, writing books, , glue sticks, highlighters, maths workbooks, spelling sheets, whiteboard marker, pens · Student Diary · Mandarin – notebooks, paper, items for cultural projects · Sports – equipment, PE resources · Music – instruments, books, markers, folders 	\$175.00		
Online Subscriptions <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Quizlet · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment · AGAT · Accelerated Reader · PrIme Mathematics </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · PAT Vocabulary Skills · Mathletics · SoundTrap </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Quizlet · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment · AGAT · Accelerated Reader · PrIme Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · PAT Vocabulary Skills · Mathletics · SoundTrap 	\$90.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Quizlet · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment · AGAT · Accelerated Reader · PrIme Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · PAT Vocabulary Skills · Mathletics · SoundTrap 		
Laptop - provision of devices allocated to individual students *Annual contribution from Grade 4 - 6	\$295.00		
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00		
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount		
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · House Sports Day - entry and transport · Sport Affiliations costs – District Sports events, School Sports Victoria · Athletics Carnival · Sports Gala Days incl. transport 	\$60.00		
Grounds maintenance	\$50.00		
Enhanced wellbeing support	\$50.00		
First aid and hygiene materials	\$80.00		
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – optional items and activities	Amount		
Incursions/Excursions	\$120.00		
Grade 5/6 Camp	TBA		
Sponsorship for Camps/Excursions for Financial Hardship affected students at SMPS. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated.			
Tax deductible donations			
Building fund. A tax-deductible donation to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested: \$150.00)			
Library fund. A tax-deductible donation to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested: \$150.00)			

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$570.00
Other Contributions	\$240.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$930.00

GRADE 6

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount		
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, material · Classroom Stationery - paper, scissors, folders, writing books, , glue sticks, highlighters, maths workbooks, spelling sheets, whiteboard marker, pens · Student Diary · Mandarin – notebooks, paper, items for cultural projects · Sports – equipment, PE resources · Music – instruments, books, markers, folders 	\$175.00		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Quizlet · PAT reading · MyOn · Essential Assessment · AGAT · Accelerated Reader · PrIme Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sometics · Maths Invaders · PAT Maths · PAT Vocabulary Skills · Mathletics · SoundTrap 		
Laptop - provision of devices allocated to individual students *Annual contribution from Grade 4 - 6	\$295.00		
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00		
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount		
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · House Sports Day - entry and transport · Sport Affiliations costs – District Sports events, School Sports Victoria · Athletics Carnival · Sports Gala Days incl. transport 	\$60.00		
Grounds maintenance	\$50.00		
Enhanced wellbeing support	\$50.00		
First aid and hygiene materials	\$80.00		
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – optional items and activities	Amount		
Incursions/Excursions	\$120.00		
Grade 5/6 Camp	TBA		
Grade 6 Graduation	TBA		
Sponsorship for Camps/Excursions for Financial Hardship affected students at SMPS. Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated.			
Tax deductible donations			
Building fund. A tax-deductible donation to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. (Suggested: \$150.00)			
Library fund. A tax-deductible donation to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. (Suggested: \$150.00)			

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$560.00
Other Contributions	\$240.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$920.00

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.