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PARENT PAYMENTS

Dear Parent/Carers,

Antonio Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2022.

The community of Antonio Park Primary School is proud of the school's excellent facilities and the quality comprehensive curriculum that it offers within the constraints of a tightly apportioned budget. Each year, School Council has the responsibility of determining the following year's budget, taking into account programs to be offered and the goals and key improvement areas set out in the School Strategic Plan.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. However, 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 and/or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Funding comes from three sources:

1. DE&T (Department of Education and Training) Student Resource Package
2. Parent Contributions, through the payment of Voluntary Financial Contributions
3. Local fundraising, including a valued contribution from our school fete.

As you are aware, unfortunately the school fete has not been allowed to be held over the last 2 years, resulting in a considerable shortfall in funds for the school.

Therefore, to continue to deliver a high-quality education to our students, we rely heavily on our parent voluntary contributions. School Council is requesting the following for the 2022 school year.

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

Yours sincerely,

Carly Jones
Acting Principal
Council President

Michael Ewison

School

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<p><u>Curriculum Support</u></p> <p>These items are essential to support your child’s learning at school as part of the standard curriculum. They include your child’s book pack, pens, pencils, paints, clay, paper, writing books etc. and other essential materials as well as subscriptions that your child will use throughout the year as essential parts of their learning program. These funds also support the purchase of additional resources for our classroom programs throughout the year including things like sporting equipment, musical instruments, digital devices, classroom furniture and school-supplied tools and manipulatives used in classroom subjects like Mathematics and Science. Please see attached table for a break-down of these costs.</p>	\$150
<p><u>Non-Curriculum Support</u></p> <p>These funds support additional programs that are outside of the normal curriculum and are unique, valued and make Antonio Park Primary the outstanding school we appreciate. Some of these programs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Wellbeing Programs • Animal Program • School Production • Additional School Grounds and Building Maintenance. 	\$100
TOTAL: \$250	

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	Suggested Amounts
<p>At Antonio Park, we are firmly committed to continue to make a great school even better. We welcome your voluntary contributions to support us to provide resources for your children and a first-rate learning environment we can all be proud of.</p>	
<p><u>First Aid</u></p> <p>Antonio Park employs and pays for the training of a dedicated First Aid Officer to ensure the provision of onsite, quality care for your children. We also pay for all of our staff to be trained to a Level 2 certification of First Aid, rather than the mandatory Level 1 requirement. This is the choice of our school, and is not directly funded by the Department of Education. We are asking families to make a voluntary contribution to support the continuation of these initiatives.</p>	\$40 per student

<p><u>Library Fund (tax deductible)</u></p> <p>The Library Fund enables our school to replenish and boost our supplies of fiction and non-fiction books and e-resources to ensure students of all reading levels have a rich selection to choose from. It will also be used for a needed refresh of our take-home readers for our junior school, and our small group literacy reading texts across P-6. We are proud of our library and literacy programs and want to ensure we maintain current and quality reading options for our students in order to foster a life-long love of reading in all of them. Physical books are expensive, and we need the support of our parents in this way to help maintain the quality and currency of stock we have.</p> <p>The Library Fund is registered with the Australian Tax Office and contributions are claimable on your taxation return under charitable donations. The above fee is a suggested amount and any extra donations to this fund are also fully tax deductible.</p>	<p>\$60 per student</p>
<p><u>School Building Fund (tax deductible)</u></p> <p>School Building Funds are directed to paying for school building works, maintenance and improvements to facilities around the school. It also goes towards funding a part-time staff member for building maintenance. We take pride in our school environment and contributions to this fund will enable us to keep the buildings and grounds looking fantastic. As your children spend a great deal of their time here, we think it is very important for them to be in a pleasant and well-maintained environment.</p> <p>The School Building Fund is registered with the Australian Tax Office and contributions are claimable on your taxation return under charitable donations. The above fee is a suggested amount and any extra donations to this fund are also fully tax deductible.</p>	<p>\$80 <u>per family</u></p>

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- individual payment plans

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

Leonie Oppawsky or Cheryl Curcio
 Ph: 03 9874 4371
 Email: antonio.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

The preferred method of payment is through the Compass Parent Portal however payment can also be made by credit card at the office.

BREAK DOWN OF STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS

Below is a break-down of the cost of items which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Book pack items	\$73
Bulk classroom supplies	\$5
Visual Art resources	\$20
Performing Arts resources	\$5
Indonesian resources	\$5
Science and Inquiry learning resources	\$10
Digital Subscriptions (incl. Essential Assessment, Sunshine online, ACER testing)	\$22
Sustainability program (veggie garden, nature's classroom)	\$10
TOTAL	\$150

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$20
Animal Program	\$15
School Production	\$25
Additional School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$40
TOTAL	\$100
First Aid Fund. A contribution to support the engagement of a dedicated First Aid Officer and First Aid training for staff	
	\$40.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$60.00
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$80.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Antonio Park Primary School offers a range of items and activities and camps that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Information about these activities and the costs involved will be provided to parents/carers prior to the events. In the case of camps, forward notice will be given so that a payment plan can be established.

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$150
Other Contributions	\$100
First Aid Fund	\$40
Library Fund	\$60
Building Fund	\$80
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA

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.