

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian

Frankston East Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Frankston East Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Frankston East Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

School Council has set the Essential Student Learning Items at a total of \$110 at each Year Level for 2021. These items are essential to support student learning of the standard curriculum. These items are considered to be essential to all students within the school. In 2021, the school will use Equity Funding received by the Government to support all families within the school by covering the cost of the Essential Student Learning Items. **Therefore, there will be no charge to students for the Student Booklist.**

Financial Support for Families

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

- eligible families are able to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) that can be used to cover payments for Camps, Excursions and Incursions.
- our onsite Uniform Shop offers low cost uniform options and has a selection of second hand uniform items available for sale.
- State Schools Relief may cover the cost of new school uniforms, shoes, books and more for disadvantaged students. State Schools' Relief only responds to requests from school principals, assistant principals or welfare coordinators. Parents or Carers who are struggling need to make an appointment with Student Wellbeing Manager (Barb Heeney) to discuss their situation.
- Local community supports – School Council has funded the Low Income Family Assistance (LIFA) Program with the Equity Funding received from the Government. All families will be provided access to this in 2021 to cover the cost of the Student Booklist and the majority of school incursions and excursions.

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

Barb Heeney (Student Wellbeing)

Ph: 03 9789 9552 | Email: barbara.heeney@education.vic.gov.au

Brian McFall (Principal)

Ph: 03 9789 9552 | Email: brian.mcfall@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Payments can be made to the school by cash, EFTPOS or eligible families can access their CSEF funds for certain items. Parents that would like to pay by instalments can contact either the Principal (Brian McFall) or Student Wellbeing Manager (Barb Heeney) to arrange for a payment plan to be put into place.

Refunds

Frankston East Primary School will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally the school will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Brian McFall
Principal
12/11/2020

Daniel Redman
School Council President
12/11/2020

FEE SCHEDULE

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Frankston East Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Please note, in 2021, the school will use Equity Funding received by the Government to support all families within the school by covering the cost of the Essential Student Learning Items. **Therefore, there will be no charge to students for the Student Booklist.**

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Year Prep	\$110
Year 1	\$110
Year 2	\$110
Year 3	\$110
Year 4	\$110
Year 5	\$110
Year 6	\$110

Optional Items

Frankston East Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. The majority of these activities will be fully funded for all students by School Council through the Equity Funding received from the Government. Eligible students are also able to access the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to pay for these Camps, Excursions and Incursions.

Optional Item	Amount
Year 5/6 Camp – Oasis Youth Camp. The cost of this camps will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
Year 3/4 Camp – The Briars. The cost of this camps will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised

Voluntary Contributions

Frankston East Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible ?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
General Contribution	Yes	\$40	

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities enhance or broaden schooling experiences for students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.