

December 2023

Dear parents/carers/guardians,

Moyston Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Moyston 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 has allowed us to be able to offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities and various upgrades around the school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Dowsett
Principal

Monday 29th January 2024	Staff return to school
Tuesday 30th January 2024	Curriculum Day/Staff Planning Day
Wednesday 31st January 2024	All students back <i>*except Preps (Wednesdays off for Term 1)</i>

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

Classroom consumables, materials & equipment

- General classroom materials and stationary
- Subject specific materials and equipment
- Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT
- Photocopying and printing for students
- Curriculum Activities
- Whole school events
 - Athletics carnival - entry and transport
 - Swimming carnival – entry and transport
- Digital and Online Subscriptions
 - UEducateUs (Reporting and communication)
 - Reading Eggs
 - Essential Assessment
- Schools swimming and water safety programs associated costs
- Incursions and cluster days
- Students diaries

Suggested Total Amount

\$ 150

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

For non-curriculum items and activities

Student wellbeing programs

First aid and hygiene costs

MARC Van ongoing costs and books purchasing

Suggested Total Amount

\$50

Educational items for students to own

We will continue to supply stationery and writing books etc. for your child to individually own and use at school, if you wish to supply stationery yourselves that can go home, please see the office for requirements.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Moyston Primary School offers a range of items and activities 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 and are optional, curriculum instruction will still be required for students unable to attend at school.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES	
<u>Optional</u> Foundation - Grade 1 *To be confirmed (Estimate only) *	\$ 50.00
<u>Optional</u> Grade 2-3 - 2 nights, 3 day camp and activities - Cave Hill Creek (Estimate only) *	\$250.00
<u>Optional</u> Grades 4-6 - *To be confirmed (Estimate only) *	\$500.00
<u>Optional</u> Excursions - Whole school term outing - linking to the curriculum (Estimate only) *	\$ 20.00
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities *If you would like to create a payment plan for camps from the beginning of the year e.g. \$25 per fortnight to cover these extra-curricular items and activities for your child/ren, please talk to Kelly.	

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (**parents must hold a valid Health Care Card at the time of application**)
- Conveyance Allowance (**for students attending their nearest school and residing 4.8km or more from the campus.**)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Kelly or Natalie Ph: 03 5354 2537.

TOTAL

Category	Suggested Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$150
Other Contributions	\$50
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods for contributions are via - Direct deposit

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.

MOYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

BSB: **063 500**

Account: **1004 3733**

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) including the VCE Vocational Major 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.