



Murchison Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Murchison Primary School provides 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. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely

Karen Goodwin

Natasha Boyle

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, whiteboard markers, eraser, sharpener, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, star folder, diary etc. Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay, wood, beading etc. Science – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers Physical Education & Sport – ribbons, materials, equipment Auslan – shared classroom materials Library – books, subscriptions Music – shared classroom materials 	\$100
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lexiles StudyLadder StoryBox Little Learners Love Literacy Smart Spelling 	\$ 30
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$ 20
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$ 30
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting Events Cross age activities etc Life Ed 	\$ 20
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Maintaining school grounds – eg mowing, maintaining grounds etc.</i>	\$ 20
Total Amount	\$220

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.