



Deepdene Primary School

2026 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Deepdene Primary School is looking forward to another successful and exciting year of high standard teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Deepdene Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026. **Your contribution is of vital importance in reaching our 2026 budget and providing our students with high quality teaching and classroom settings, information technology equipment and facilities to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for all our students.** We have made every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all families.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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.

The reality is that government funding alone does not cover the full cost of maintaining the rich learning environment our community expects. Family contributions directly support classroom resources, decodable take-home readers, art and science materials, laptops, iPads, and the upkeep of our facilities. Recent projects such as the library refurbishment and playground upgrades were only possible through family contributions, Parent Association fundraising and careful long-term planning. Next year, we are aiming to upgrade the student toilet block in a similar way. **Every family contribution has a direct and tangible impact on the quality of programs and facilities we can provide for our students.**

Payment methods

Parents are encouraged to pay using the Payment Centre module on Compass. Please contact the office should you require alternate payment options.

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

Yours sincerely,

Tim Green
Principal

Amin Dallaali
School Council President

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"> Classroom stationary & materials Specialist classroom materials & equipment – (STEM, Performing Arts, French & PE equipment) Take home decodable readers / class sets of readers Maths resources ICT – maintenance, upgrades and leasing of computers and iPads 	\$380.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Building Maintenance and Development	\$60.00
School grounds maintenance & improvements	\$40.00
First aid & hygiene	\$10.00
Parents Association Subscription	\$10.00
	\$120.00

Contribution Total	
Total	\$500.00

Tax Deductible Contributions	
Building fund A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$70.00
Library fund A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other library equipment to sustain the library as a valuable resource encouraging your children to become lifelong readers.	\$50.00
Total Suggested Amount	\$120.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities: - Deepdene Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students. These are provided on a user-pays basis.	Amount
<i>Foundation – Year 6 Curriculum based excursions and incursions</i>	\$180 approx.
<i>Foundation – Year 6 Swimming and water safety program</i>	TBA
<i>Years 3 – 6 Camps</i>	TBA
<i>Optional Extra-Curricular Activities – district and division sports, chess club, choir excursions.</i>	TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – to be eligible you require a current healthcare or pension concession card.
- Deepdene Primary are happy to arrange a school- based payment plan such as establishing a flexible payment plan, reducing, or extending payment deadlines for curriculum contributions and other charges and consideration for individual circumstances.

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

Tim Green, Principal or Kim Hastings, Business Manager to discuss support options.

Ph: 03 98171917 | Email: deepdene.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.

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.