



Dear parent/guardian,

Ashburton Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ashburton Primary School's Prep voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to provide the environment and resources that we enjoy today. Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2021 allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Inquiry, Language and PE.
- Maintain and develop the school grounds.
- Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities.
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills.
- Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for teaching purposes.
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions.
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment.
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies.
- Offer effective First Aid for all students.

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

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Staley  
Principal

Nicole Gillard  
School Council President



| <b>Prep Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum   | <b>Amount</b>                 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>Literacy and Numeracy Consumables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paper, kinder squares, tape, staples, paper plates etc.</li></ul>   | \$60.00                       |
| <b>Connected Learning Consumables</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Playdoh, feathers, pom poms, balloons, pipe cleaners etc.</li></ul>  | \$80.00                       |
| <b>Digital Subscriptions – including but not limited to</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reading Eggs</li><li>Wushka</li><li>Mappen</li></ul>   | \$12.10<br>\$12.50<br>\$15.00 |
| <b>Information and Communication Technology Contribution</b> <p>The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) contribution is used to support the maturing technological needs of students at Ashburton Primary School.</p>   | \$65.00                       |
| <b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities   | <b>Amount</b>                 |
| <b>School Support Contribution</b> <p>These contributions directly fund several important programs including additional classroom technology, consumables and school operations as well as assisting with grounds maintenance and improvements.</p> <p>In 2021 the average contribution was \$100.00 per family.</p> | \$100                         |
| <b>Fundraising Contribution</b> <p>These contributions directly fund school improvements such as upgrade to facilities, playgrounds, and classrooms, as well as updating equipment and furnishings.</p> <p>Suggested amount per family \$100.00</p>  | \$100                         |
| <b>Tax deductible contributions</b>  |                               |
| <b>Library Fund</b> - A tax-deductible contribution assists with the purchasing of books, literacy resources, training and learning activities that take place within the library space<br><p>In 2021 the average contribution was \$50 per family.</p>  | \$50                          |
| <b>Donation to Building and Maintenance Fund</b> – A tax deductible item to the Building and Maintenance Fund permits the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of school buildings.<br><p>In 2021 the average contribution was \$150 per family.</p>   | \$150                         |
| <b>Suggested Total Amount</b>  | <b>\$644.60</b>               |



## Educational items for students to own

In 2022 Ashburton Primary School will be having Book Packs supplied via Champion Education. There will be some variation between book packs depending on which year level your child is in for 2022.

It also includes Digital Subscriptions for students to access platforms, which will vary depending on which year level your child is in for 2022.

**NOTE:** If parents/guardians choose to provide equivalent materials themselves, this should be done in consultation with the classroom teacher, and items should meet the specifications provided by the school. Book pack content lists can be made available upon request.

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ashburton 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

This covers programs such as the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival, the Prep to Year 4 Swimming Program, Years 4, 5 and 6 extra-curricular activities i.e., Sport and Human Development sessions. Permission advice will continue to be sent electronically prior to each activity/excursion and parents will be notified of activities in advance in fortnightly newsletters. These items are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program and are offered to all students. They are provided on a user pays basis. Please note that the total of School Expenses varies within each year level, depending on the programs offered.

Extra-Curricular items and activities will be charged via Compass at the same time as a request for consent.

## Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Claire Bartlett Ph: 03 9813-9400 | Email: [Ashburton.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ashburton.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## Total

| Category                 |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Curriculum Contributions | \$ |
| Other Contributions      | \$ |

## Payment methods

Ashburton Primary School accepts EFTPOS, cash, and payment via Compass.

## 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.