



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 voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

To support our planning, we would really appreciate your contribution by 20/12/2023.

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 2023 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 and programs
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies.

Parents/families are invited to contribute flexibly across the year. Should you wish to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact our friendly office staff.

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

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Staley
Principal

Camy Wong
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount \$
Literacy, Numeracy & Connected Learning Consumables - including Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Japanese and PE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paper, tape, classroom libraries, posters/charts, arts crafts, STEAM materials, instruments and multi media equipment	165
Digital Subscriptions & Assessments – including but not limited to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Classroom specific requirements such as Essential Assessment, Reading Eggs, Mosyle, Mappen, ACER, online standardised testing	55
Information and Communication Technology Contribution <p>The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) contribution is used to support the maturing technological, maintenance and server/system needs of students at Ashburton Primary School</p>	70
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount \$
School Support Contribution/Grounds maintenance <p>These contributions directly fund several important programs as well as assisting with grounds and garden maintenance and improvements</p>	115
First Aid costs and materials <p>These contributions directly fund the supply of first aid materials and equipment, such as ice packs, band aids, gloves, Epipens, Ventolins, excursion, yard duty and camp first aid bags</p>	25
Fundraising Contribution <p>These contributions directly fund school improvements such as upgrade to facilities, playgrounds, and classrooms, as well as updating equipment and furnishings.</p> <p>In 2023 the average contribution was \$100 per family.</p>	100
Tax deductible contributions	
Library Fund - A tax-deductible contribution assists with the purchasing of books, literacy resources, training and learning activities that take place within the library space In 2023 the average contribution was \$50 per family.	\$
Building Fund – A tax deductible item to the Building and Maintenance Fund permits the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of school buildings and facilities In 2023 the average contribution was \$150 per family.	\$



Sub Total Amount	\$530.00
Total Amount including Tax deductible contributions	\$

Educational items for students to own

In 2024 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 2024.

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

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. These items are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program and are offered to all students.

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

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 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.