



Greythorn Primary School

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Parent Contributions 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Greythorn Primary School Council is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Greythorn Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 opportunities 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.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parents/carers voluntary contributions make a 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 child/children.

Your support in 2025 has allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Humanities, Wellbeing, Library, French and PE
- Maintain and develop the school grounds
- Ensure the upkeep of our technology to enhance learning opportunities
- 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
- Upgrade the library furniture
- Offer effective first aid for all students
- Provide stationery items including pens, pencils, workbooks, erasers and rulers etc.

If you have yet to contribute in 2025, we strongly encourage you to do so.

Please see attached breakdown of 2026 Parent Contributions and a one-page overview of the Department's Parent Payments Policy at the end of this document.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Searle
Principal

Lou Maiolo
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions	Suggested Amount
Book Pack and Classroom Supplies <i>Includes all stationery and workbooks, printing and photocopying of worksheets, and learning materials for 2026.</i>	\$100.00
Arts and Crafts supplies <i>Includes craft paper, clay, paint, glue, card, fabric and any other items used in Art sessions.</i>	\$55.00
STEM supplies <i>Includes soil, seeds, flour, sticky tape, glue, and any other items used in STEM sessions.</i>	\$45.00
Online Resources <i>Essential Assessments, Languagenut, Smart Spelling, Elastik and Life Skills Go.</i>	\$25.00
Parent Contribution <i>This contribution supports Curriculum Programs across the school such as Science, Humanities, Student Wellbeing, and provision of resources for Maths and English.</i>	\$65.00
Information Technology <i>This will support our IT program including repairs, maintenance and upgrade of IT equipment, devices for students to use as a class.</i>	\$60.00
Student Diary (Year 4 to 6 students only) <i>This item is posted separately on Compass.</i>	\$TBA via Compass
Other Contributions – Non Tax Deductible	Suggested Amount
First Aid <i>This supports first aid at school and during sports and excursions. It also supports the school in purchasing back-up supplies of EpiPens and Asthma medication.</i>	\$50.00
Grounds Contribution <i>This includes payment for gardening services such as mowing and clearing of weeds and leaves. This also enables the school to refresh areas by painting and providing other grounds improvements.</i>	\$70.00
Fundraising Contribution <i>This supports the ongoing upgrade of school facilities. In 2025, the school was able to use these funds to build a new playground.</i>	\$40.00

Other Contributions - Tax deductible (All donations over \$2 are tax deductible)	Suggested Amount
Building fund <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i> <i>This fund, when used, must be used in its entirety and was last used towards the upgrade of the Hall in 2024. We would now like to replenish this fund to enable it to be used for a future project. Future project ideas include upgrading the First Aid Room and the Canteen.</i>	\$100.00
Library fund <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>	\$50.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Suggested Amount
Excursions/Incursions/Activities/Camps in addition to the curriculum. Parents will be notified through the Compass portal of the cost and details of the events.	TBA via Compass
School Magazine – Readabout. While this is not distributed until the end of the year, the publishing order is placed according to the number of copies paid for by parents. This payment will be requested later in the year and is subject to change.	\$25.00 approx.
Other Activities e.g. Inter-school Sports, Year 6 Graduation, ICAS and Alliance Française. Parents will be notified through the Compass portal of the cost and the dates that these events will take place. All payments will close 2 weeks prior to the event.	TBA via Compass
Year 6 Hoodies/Polo shirts. Parents will be notified through the Compass portal of the cost and details on how to order.	TBA via Compass

Totals

Category	Total
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions (non-tax deductible)	\$
Other Contributions (tax deductible)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Educational items for students

In 2026, supplies will be delivered directly to the school as a bulk order. Teachers will then allocate the respective supplies to every student in each class.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Greythorn 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.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for the Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund. Currently, \$154 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Application forms are will be available from the school office when the 2026 CSEF applications open.
- State Schools' Relief may be able to help families suffering financial hardship, particularly with uniform. Please see the Business Manager.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact either the Principal, Andrew Searle or the Business Manager, Jess Fitzsimmons on Ph: 03 9857 9762 | Email: Greythorn.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

All payments can be made through the Compass portal which is the preferred method of payment at Greythorn Primary School.

There is the option to pay by BPay, credit/debit card or cash/cheque (payable to Greythorn Primary School). If paying by either of these methods, please complete this document and return to the school.

Refunds

Please refer to the Greythorn Primary School website for our refund policy.

Refunds are only made in exceptional circumstances and 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.