



Greythorn Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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 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, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has recently allowed us to offer a wider program at primary level and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the upgrade of our grounds including the more recent basketball courts, shaded seating on the tiger turf and the upgrade to the Junior toilet block.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Searle

Principal

Ruth Knight

School Council President

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Booklists – Parents are invited to order items from the booklist relevant to each year level. These can be found on the Greythorn Primary School website. Ordering and payment is direct to Champion via a link on the GPS website.	
Curriculum Items. This includes bulk supplies used by the students that cannot be distributed as part of the booklist and includes printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cover paper 40 sheets A4 (\$2.00)• Cover paper 20 sheets A3 (2.00)• Dotted thirds exercise book x2 (\$2.00)• Coloured card squares 40 (\$2.00)• Coloured Card circles 40 (\$2.00)• Arts and Crafts supplies including craft paper, glitter, paints, PVA glue, icy pole sticks, paper plates, balloons, cover paper (\$50.00)• STEM supplies including soil, seeds, flour, sticky tape, PVA glue, cooking oil, salt, small plastic bags, baking paper, foil, glue sticks, plastic cups and match sticks, coloured pencils, textas, 3D printer filaments (\$40.00)• Online Learning Resources e.g., Essential Assessments, Languagenut, Smart Spelling, SeeSaw (\$20.00)	\$120.00
Reading Eggs Prep and Year 1 only (\$23.50)	\$23.50
Student Diary – Year 5 and 6 only (\$9.50)	\$9.50
Parent Contribution – This contribution supports Curriculum Programs across the school such as Science, Humanities, Student Wellbeing, and provision of resources for Maths and English.	\$60.00
Excursions/Activities relevant to the curriculum and swimming – Parents will be notified through the Compass portal of the dates that these events will take place and invited to make a contribution.	TBA via Compass
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Information Technology - This will support our IT program including repairs, maintenance and upgrade of IT equipment, devices for students to use as a class.	\$55.00
First Aid - This supports first aid at school and during sports and excursions	\$45.00

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School grounds maintenance and improvements (per family)	\$70.00
Fundraising Contribution (per family)	\$120.00
Tax deductible contributions (All donations over \$2 are tax deductible)	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested amount \$100.00	\$
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested amount \$50.00	\$
Total Amount	\$

Educational items for students to own

Booklists can be found on the Greythorn Primary School website. Ordering and payment is direct to Champion via the link on the GPS website.

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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by 1 March 2022.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Excursions/Activities/Camps not relevant to the curriculum – Parents will be notified through the Compass portal of the dates that these events will take place and invited to make a contribution.	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. Therefore, payment for the magazine is appreciated at the beginning of the year.	\$20.00	
Extra-curricular Programs and activities e.g., Interschool sports events, ICAS, 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	

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Year 6 Hoodies/Polo shirts. Parents will be notified through the Compass portal of the cost and details on how to order.	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

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. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Application forms are available from the school office.

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, Aisha Ali
Ph: 03 9857 9762 | Email: Greythorn.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods

All payments can be made through Compass 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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