

**Falls Creek Primary School**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Voluntary Parent Payments 2025**

Falls Creek Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2025 and would like to advise you of our School's Voluntary Parent Payment amounts.

The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. The following page provides details outlining the associated costs that schools are not funded for, but which are essential to the programs we provide.

With your support, through parent payments, we also organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of student stationary supplies, school workbooks and online subscriptions specifically for your child's learning and assessment needs.

We wish to thank in advance, any families that volunteer their time in the school whether it be assisting with fundraising or assisting to help run school activities.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the attached the Department of Educations Parent Payment Policy.

Sincerely

Tony Keeble

Acting Principal

Falls Creek Primary School

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School Council President

Falls Creek Primary School

# 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.