



November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Skye Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Skye Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. 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, academic achievements and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to continue to upgrade our learning spaces and maintain our school grounds with a particular focus on playgrounds, outside games, a pathway to the back gate and the planting of trees to enhance the grounds.

Student wellbeing is a key priority in our School Strategic Plan. We strive to develop our student's personal and social skills, inspiring and empowering them to become confident, resilient, and valued members of the community. Your continued support has enabled us to develop and resource an environment that is conducive to optimising student learning and wellbeing. Your support enables us to offer a wider range of special curriculum experiences including our Kitchen Garden (returning for 2024), STEAM program, Music, Tribes and Inspire programs.

2024 will be an exciting year as we add another refurbished space to house Visual Art, Japanese and Out of School Hours Care. This is in addition to the recently upgraded Gymnasium, Library, Music and Admin building. The resources required to operate these areas will be significant. Your continued support will allow us to provide the latest programs and equipment in these new buildings.

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

Yours sincerely,

Tim Bernau
Acting Principal

Rachael Dekker
School Council President



CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS –	Amount
Our school only requests contributions for items that we believe add value to the school experience for students.	
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, post it notes, highlighters, folders, display books, scissors, rulers • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper , glue, materials, wool, material, clay • Inquiry – shared classroom materials • LOTE and performing arts program resources • Mathematics – numeracy blocks , calculators, maths kits • Music – musical instruments • STEAM – Science Technology Engineering Arts Maths • Kitchen Garden – cooking ingredients • Sports – equipment, ribbons, materials • English – spelling mastery text book, class sets, novels, readers, book boxes • Library – library books and resources 	\$110.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Mathletics *Decodable Readers Australia * Essential Assessment 	\$20.00
ICT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of iPads , laptops and devices from the shares classroom sets 	\$20.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10.00
SUB TOTAL	\$160.00
TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS	Amount
Building Fund – A tax deductible contribution to support renovations and upgrades <i>(Suggested amount or your nominated amount – Thank you)</i>	\$50.00
Library Fund – A tax deductible contribution to support book purchase and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. <i>(Suggested amount or your nominated amount – Thank-you)</i>	\$50.00
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$10.00
First aid equipment	\$5.00

School Council thank you in advance of your support to allow Skye Primary School to remain in a financial position to deliver future facilities upgrades and significant programs for the school community.



Educational items for students to own

Each child to have their own named headphones for use in the classroom. Please purchase from your preferred supplier.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities -

Skye 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Permission notices and payment requests for camps and excursions will be sent out in 2024.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Headphones: new or replace as needed – families to purchase	
Optional Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 school camp approximate cost \$350	\$TBA
Optional Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports program, cross country, athletics	\$TBA
Other optional excursions for each year level to be scheduled	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply and a Special Consideration eligibility category also exists.
- Access to State Schools Relief support for clothing / uniforms (via school)
- Second hand uniform – gold coin donation
- Individual Payment Plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Michelle Drew 97861555 or Email skye.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.