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# Sandringham Primary School

November 2022

Dear parent/carer,

Sandringham Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 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 financial support and commitment of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education beyond the standard curriculum. We want to thank you in advance for all financial support as this makes a significant difference to the quality of programs we can offer.

Within our school your financial support has allowed us to offer above and beyond the standard curriculum. This includes programs and resources unique to Sandringham Primary School such as:

- High quality literature for our wonderful library
- Teacher librarian
- Maths and Literacy specialist leadership
- High quality take home reading material
- Rich experience-based learning opportunities
- Maintaining our exceptional wellbeing program
- Registered nurses – Claire and Lisa. Most schools DO NOT have nurses on-site
- Investigations resources
- 4 specialist programs
- Additional student resources and equipment for our Specialists Programs (Performing Arts, Visual Arts, PE and Mandarin)
- Enhanced technology such as iPads P-2, robotics, radio room equipment
- Additional hours of IT support and an IT help desk
- Kitchen Garden program
- Chess Club
- Employment of a maintenance person
- Appropriate administrative and school communication support
- Maintenance of our beautiful buildings and grounds which reflects community expectations

We ask that you please consider paying the contributions where you can, as they support many different educational, social and physical aspects of our school. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our wonderful families.

Please refer to the attached for detailed information on how your contributions are used.

The attached 2023 financial contributions form needs **to be returned to the school office by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.**

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

Yours sincerely,

Louise Neave  
Principal

Adam McConnell  
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum	Amount
<p><b>Stationery Pack – educational items for students to own</b> This pack will be delivered directly to the school for the start of Term 1. You are not required to collect the packs, as they will be distributed directly to your child's classroom.</p> <p>COPY PAPER A4 AUSTRALIAN BRIGHT WHITE 80GSM - (CARBON NEUTRAL) DISPLAY BOOK COLOURHIDE A4 REFILLABLE 20PKT DOCUMENT WALLET PP BUTTON CLOSURE A4 L/S CLEAR ERASER STAEDTLER LARGE WITH SLEEVE EXERCISE BOOK A4 WRITER PREMIUM 18MM RULED 48PG GLUE STICK ELMERS DISSAPEARING PURPLE 40G GRAPH BOOK 10MM WRITER PREMIUM A4 48PG + HEADPHONES MICADOR MCONNECT BLACKOUT WITH 3+STORAGE BAG MARKER WHITEBOARD ARTLINE #577 2MM BULLET NIB BLACK MARKER WHITEBOARD ARTLINE 577 BULLET TIP BLUE MARKERS CRAYOLA SUPER TIP WASHABLE PK20 PENCIL JUMBO TRIANGULAR HB BELGRAVE PENCILS COLOURED FABER CASTELL JUNIOR GRIP 3.8MM PK20 RULER WOODEN CM &amp; MM - 30CM SCISSORS STAEDTLER NORRIS CLUB HOBBY 17CM SCRAP BOOK BEST BUDDIES MINI 100GSM 64PG + SCRAP BOOK CONTRAST COLORFUL CRITTERS 100GSM 64PG SHARPENER METAL 2 HOLE TAKE-HOME READING DIARY TARGETING - HANDWRITING VIC YEAR 1 STUDENT BOOK TISSUES FACIAL EXCEL 200'S WHITEBOARD ERASER - MAGNETIC MINI</p>	<p>\$83.00</p>



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Curriculum Contributions - continued	Amount
<p><b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment – these contributions directly support several important curriculum areas and programs that we offer including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art consumables &amp; resources</li> <li>• Investigation consumables &amp; resources</li> <li>• Mathematics resources</li> <li>• English resources (guided reading books &amp; take-home readers etc)</li> <li>• Performing Arts resources</li> <li>• LOTE program resources</li> <li>• Subject Focus consumables &amp; resources</li> <li>• Classroom supplies</li> <li>• Replacement of sporting equipment</li> </ul>	\$156.00
<p><b>Programs &amp; Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathletics is an engaging app that supports your child's learning of maths at school and at home</li> <li>• Resource Rescue</li> <li>• Purchase of Apps</li> <li>• Essential Assessment</li> <li>• Wushka</li> <li>• Resilience Project (includes journal)</li> </ul>	\$70.00
<p><b>Digital Technology</b> - The provision of equipment, technical support services and the software that underpins all subject areas</p>	\$125.00
<p><b>Printing and photocopying</b> - of worksheets and learning materials</p>	\$10.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><b>School Sports Victoria membership</b></p>	\$15.00
<p><b>Student &amp; parent communication tools</b> – Sentral to support student attendance, permission forms, school calendar &amp; report writing (including the tracking of student academic and wellbeing data) and School Stream</p>	\$30.00
<p><b>First Aid, Wellbeing</b> - Sandringham Primary School goes above and beyond some other schools through the employment of a School Nurse to provide First Aid. By having a trained nurse on staff, your children can access trained nursing First Aid care. This is not only highly beneficial should your child need assistance, but – based on feedback from our parent community - also provides a great deal of peace-of-mind for parents</p>	\$150.00
<p><b>School grounds maintenance and improvements</b> – this enables us to have Shane our maintenance person to care for and keep our buildings and grounds safe</p>	\$40.00



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<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Incursions, Excursions, Camps 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.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Excursions/Incursions</b> all year levels - to be held throughout the year	\$165.00
<b>Camps</b> Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – to be invoiced throughout the year	TBA
<b>Swimming</b> all year levels – to be invoiced throughout the year	TBA
<b>Sporting events</b> - to be invoiced throughout the year	TBA

<b>Tax Deductible Contributions</b>	<b>Suggested Amount</b>
<b>Building Fund</b> - A tax-deductible contribution to support improvements, upgrades and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$50.00
<b>Library Fund</b> - A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases, equipment and technology that sustain and reside in the library as well as literacy and other programs that are run through the library program at Sandringham Primary School.	\$50.00

#### **Educational items for students to own (stationery pack)**

To ensure consistency in student resources, efficiency and a minimisation of waste, it is highly preferable that families make the Curriculum Contribution for Stationery Packs as outlined above, so that Sandringham Primary School can continue to manage and provide stationery centrally. We have sourced a local supplier that is well-established, very competitive in pricing and has a proven record in providing quality products to schools.

Should you prefer to purchase stationery for your child to individually own and use, you will need to contact the School Office to let us know of your intention to purchase your child's items from a third party supplier. The school will provide you with a list and quantities required.

#### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- Access to State Schools Relief Committee support via the principal to assist with clothing/uniforms
- CSEF, Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (eligibility requirements)
- Donations received from the wider community

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services contact Maxine Mills on 03 9598 1488 or email: [maxine.mills@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:maxine.mills@education.vic.gov.au).

#### **Refunds will only be considered on Extra Curriculum Items and Activities**

Sandringham Primary School responds to refunds on a case-by-case basis. Where refunds are deemed reasonable, and if the school has not incurred a cost on behalf of your child, refunds are made on a pro-rata basis. If the school has incurred a cost, the school will act reasonably and take into consideration the Financial Help for Families Policy and relevant arrangements, including support for families experiencing hardship. Refunds will not be given for donations made to the Library and Building Fund due to tax implications.



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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.



#### 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.

