

Dear parent/guardian,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.*

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

Yours sincerely,



Russell Marland
Acting Principal



Lachlan Jones
School Council President

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.

Curriculum Contributions – PER CHILD - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> • Reader covers • Reader bag with school logo • Exercise Books, Display Books, Project Books, Writing Books. • Ruler, Scissors, Blu-tak, Glue sticks • Pens, Pencils, Rubbers, Pencil Sharpeners, Textas, Crayons • Paper – ruled, dotted thirds, coloured, kinder squares, graph	\$60
<i>Student Diary</i> • Grade Prep – 2: Home Diary • Grade 3 – 6: Student Diary	\$10
<i>Specialist Subjects: Art-Science-ICT-Japanese</i>	\$30
<i>Whole school events</i> • All Sports Events including travel to Athletics & Regional Sports • Swimming Program including travel to and from pool. • Affiliations and levies • Lunchtime activities • Visiting Performances • Special Theme Days and Activities • Grade 5/6 Leadership Programs and Awards • Student Presentations • Grade 6 graduation	\$100
Total Curriculum Contributions Per Child	\$
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements (per family)</i>	\$20
Total Other Contributions	\$20

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Donald Primary School offers a range of optional 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.

Camps are provided on user-pays basis.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Grade Prep, 1 & 2 – BBQ, Disco & Sleepover – Estimated \$15 per student</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Grade 3 & 4 Camp – Scheduled Oct/Nov – Estimated \$300 per student</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
<i>Grade 5 & 6 Camp – Scheduled Oct/Nov – Estimated \$300 per student</i>	<i>\$TBA</i>
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	<i>\$TBA</i>

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Russell Marland
Ph: 03 54 971 581

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions (TOTAL)	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
Total	\$

Payment methods

Families can make payments to the following account

Donald Primary School Council Official Account

BSB: 063676

ACC: 10012384

Reference – Please use family name or reference number