



7 November 2022

Notification of 2023 Parent Payments

Dear parent/guardian,

Alphington Primary School is planning for 2023 and would like to advise you of Alphington's School Council approved voluntary financial contributions for 2023. Voluntary contributions have remained the same since 2019 but due to the increases in all costs we will be increasing the Curriculum contributions and Excursion/ Incursion levy. We have seen a marked increase in the costs of paper, books, and other materials as well as increase in costs of entrances, bus costs and providers of incursions.

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.

School Council has kept the increase to a minimum but felt that these increases were necessary to be able to continue offering our students the opportunities we are able to offer.

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

[Parent Payments: Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parent-payments-policy)

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Foundation-Year 2</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General classroom consumables, materials and equipment-classroom stationery, paper, craft items, home reading books, work books, photocopying Subject specific materials and equipment -materials for English, Mathematics, Inquiry, Language, Science, Art, Music and Physical Education 	\$160.00 \$190.00
<i>Total</i>	\$350.00
<i>Year 3-Year 6</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General classroom materials and equipment-classroom stationery, paper, craft items, books and reading materials, work books, photocopying Subject specific materials and equipment -materials for English, Mathematics, Inquiry, Language, Science, Art, Music and Physical Education 	\$130.00 \$190.00
<i>Total</i>	\$320.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT- devices leased by the school, class sets, device configuration, maintenance, server/system costs, yearly subscriptions. 	\$100.00
Other Contributions - for extra-curricular items and activities	Amount
Excursion/Incursion levy - are offered on a user pays basis throughout the school and these are fundamental to our program. *This includes excursions, incursions, and whole school events such as book week presentation, Stomp productions.	\$150 per child (F-2) \$180 per child (3-6)
School grounds contribution - suggested one off amount per family	\$100
Tax deductible contributions – School Council suggested amounts	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$250
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$100

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Alphington 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 and parents will be notified of the amounts closer to the event.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities- Charged by event
Outdoor education Year level camps - Foundation/ Year 1 dinner at school. Year 2 sleepover at school, Year 3,4, 5 and 6 camps offsite.
Year 6 Interschool sport program- transport and yearly subscription
Whole School Events- swimming carnival Years 3-6- entry and transport, Athletics carnival- venue hire and transport, Cross-country, concert venue rehearsal hire and transport.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

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Yours sincerely, Melissa Mackenzie Principal

Ashley Warmbrand 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 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	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.