

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS/POLICY

2024

Dear Parent/guardian,

Anglesea Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Anglesea Primary Schools 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 unless they are *user-pays*. 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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Anglesea Primary School has historically been able to provide excellent programs and resources, through a combination of Government school funding, parent contributions and fundraising. We seek your support as we endeavour with staff and School Council to provide on-going enhancement of equipment and resources to benefit all student learning.

The itemised list over the page includes;

- Curriculum contributions: parents/carers make a contribution to the school for the provision of items and activities that students use or participate in, to access the curriculum.
- Other contributions which parents/carers are invited to donate to the school for specific projects. We are inviting voluntary contributions to support the upkeep & maintenance of our grounds. We thank you for your support!
- Extra-curricular items & activities are provided on a *user-pays* basis EG: school camps, athletics, Beach Safety & Awareness, Excursions and Incursions.

All booklist supplies will be available for students in their classroom on the first day of Term 1, Monday 30th January 2024. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or BPAY.

Any credits currently on your school account can be used for curriculum contributions or extra-curricular items and activities upon your approval. Carried forward CSEF funds are only able to be used for camps, sports or excursions, please contact the school office to arrange this.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Parents/carers who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent are able to apply for CSEF, which provides the school with \$125 per student to cover the costs of excursions, camps and sporting activities. If you are eligible, and have not previously claimed this, application forms are available from the school office. Funds from CSEF are linked to specific students.

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

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support of our school.

Murray Surkitt,

Principal

2024 SCHOOL FEES

Category 1 - Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		Total Amount
<i>Whole School classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General classroom stationery items – Exercise books, grid books, pencils, markers, pens, glue sticks, document wallets, sharpener, scissors, ruler 	\$65.00	\$160.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art – paint, pencils/ crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue sticks 	\$20.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM equipment– Materials & Equipment 	\$20.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports – equipment/affiliations 	\$20.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performing Arts/ Music – Musical instruments etc 	\$20.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library – library books and take-home readers 	\$15.00	
<i>Provision of shared technology devices and associated apps.</i>		\$ 15.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>		\$ 25.00
<i>School events to be charged at time of event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camps, Excursions, Incursions. Beach Safety and Awareness –transport - TBA at the time of the event 		\$ TBA
	<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
Category 2 – Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities		Amount
<i>Yard Duty (In lieu of being rostered on to do work in the school yard)</i>	Per Year per family	\$ 50.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or other \$</i>	Donation	?
Total Amount		\$

Please note: We source our school items in bulk, free of GST and have them delivered to the school to be able to offer value, consistency and convenience. Parents/Carers may choose to provide or purchase book pack supplies themselves. If you choose to do this, you are asked to consult with the school office to ensure your child has the correct items.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Anglesea 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
These will be published on Compass	
<i>Optional Interschool Sports program – SSA events – Year 5/6 ONLY</i> Affiliation/basketball/nippers/X-country/soccer/football, netball	\$ 70.00
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled during the year plus</i> <i>Optional Camps - Year 5/6, 3/4, 2 camps</i>	\$ TBA

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Flexible payment arrangements.
- State Schools Relief (uniforms etc.)

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF), \$125 can be put towards Camps and Excursions only.

Details on first page, application forms available from the office or the school webpage. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Judy Smith or Belinda Bassi, Ph: 03 52612660 | Email: Anglesea.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.

PAYMENT SLIP

WHAT ARE YOU PAYING FOR?

Category	
Curriculum Contributions ie \$200 per child	\$
Yard Duty – one off payment PER FAMILY (\$50.00)	\$
Buildings and Grounds Improvements – one off payment PER FAMILY. Your choice of the amount:	\$
SSA Events – one off payment – Year 5/6 students ONLY (\$70)	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$

Payment methods

Anglesea Primary School offers parents a range of payment options including cash, cheque or BPAY.

- Bpay – if you have not previously paid the school by Bpay you will need to contact the school to get your Bpay reference number.
- Please find enclosed \$... (Cash/cheque).
- I will be paying in one lump sum by Friday, 23rd February, 2024.
- I will be paying the contributions by instalments. Please contact the school office to make arrangements. (eg: Fortnightly direct payments etc.)

Signed.....Date.....

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL:
Thank You**

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.