

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Allansford & District Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Allansford & District Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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. 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.

Within our school this valued support has allowed us to:

- Provide excellent quality class materials and remote Learning Packs to your child
- Offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Offer exemplary programs such as STEAM, Music and Japanese
- Enhance our core learning in Literacy and Numeracy

Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are UNABLE to provide parents with a statement of fees. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren.


Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education we provide at Allansford & District Primary School.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Requisites-stationery, writing books, scrap books, book boxes, take home readers Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, beading Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials 		\$100
Online Subscriptions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths- Essential Maths Literacy- Wuska, Sunshine Books 		\$40
Whole school events		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Sports/Cross Country – entry/venue hire and transport \$20 Swimming Program – entry and transport \$80 		\$100
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities		Amount
Incursion/Excursions – entry and transport		\$60
Total Amount		\$300

Educational items for students to own

ADPS recommends you purchase class materials through ADPS for your child to individually own and use. ADPS buys in bulk allowing us to purchase the best quality items cheaply and maintaining the same standard of class requisites per student.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

ADPS 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by the **8th December 2021**. No payment is required for these items or activities at this time- permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2022.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
School magazine	\$20	
Clubs- Payment based on student choice of activity	\$10-35	
Foundation – BBQ & Activities	\$10	
Year 1- Sleepover	\$30	
Year 2- Port Fairy Camp	TBA	
Year 3 & 4- Camp	TBA	
Year 5 & 6- Camp	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to eligible Health Care Card holders
- Individual Payment Plans
- State School Relief

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

Andrea Lyon

Ph: 03 5565 1382 | Email: andrea.lyon@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education we provide at Allansford & District Primary School. You can make payment as per below:

Direct Deposit: ADPS BSB:063-533 A/C:00900451. Due to Covid this is our preferred option of payment

Office: EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque

BPay: Your unique BPay identifier will be provided to you on request

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.