



Dear parent/carer,

Fleetwood Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 an enormous difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to:

- *Enhance digital learning opportunities*
- *Purchase additional IT devices for our classrooms*
- *Offer a wide range of curriculum experiences for all students throughout the school*
- *Improve and beautify the school grounds and buildings*
- *Provide Breakfast Club and wellbeing groups*

The following information outlines Fleetwood Primary School's voluntary financial contribution list for 2025.

PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT OF 2025 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA COMPASS.
Contributions will can be paid in full or via a payment plan of 4 equal instalments.

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

Yours sincerely,

Tobin Cuss
Principal

Amanda Chippett
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment Online subscriptions (Essential Assessment, Wushka) Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Specialist curriculum materials: Art, IT, Physical Education, LOTE, Performing Arts	\$155
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$155

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i> <i>First Aid equipment</i> <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$15
Total Other Contributions	\$15

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Paperchase online portal for your child to individually own and use.

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

Fleetwood 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. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Details of these items and activities will be communicated throughout the year.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)

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

Tracey Lyon, Business Manager

Ph: 03 9705 2281 | Email: Fleetwood.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$155
Other Contributions (<i>Non-tax deductible</i>)	\$15
Total	\$170

Payment methods

Parent contribution payments, while voluntary, are essential to continue to provide the quality of education at Fleetwood Primary School. The school greatly appreciates the financial contributions made by families. Contributions can be paid via Compass in 2024.

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 Payments 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 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.