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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Carnegie Primary School is looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and all contributions are voluntary. The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent community over the years. The voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of the programs provided. This financial support ensures that the school can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children.

This support has allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for English,
 Mathematics, Science, Art, Music, Humanities and Social Science (HaSS), Language and Physical Education.
- Ensure the upkeep of our digital computer devices, smart boards, iPads and Laptops to enhance learning opportunities.
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills.
- Maintain and enhance the school grounds.
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions to enhance learning.
- Purchase stationery supplies for individual students and class bulk supplies.

We want to thank you for all your support for financial assistance, fundraising and 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,

Karen Roberts Principal Verity Walker

School Council President

CARNEGIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR PREP 2024

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Prep Student Class Requirements	
 Exercise and scrap books, scissors, coloured pencils and markers, writing pencils, sharpener etc. Targeting handwriting student book, document pouch, mini whiteboard 	\$ 70
Prep classroom consumables, materials & equipment Art — paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, cardboard etc. Integrated Studies — Discovery, Science, Sustainability materials Mathematics — numeracy blocks, kinder squares etc. English — book boxes, readers, printing of materials Sports — PMP and sport equipment	\$ 80
Prep Online Subscriptions Mathletics Typesy Reading Doctor	\$ 45
Prep ICT Devices • Provision of iPads & laptops from the shared classroom sets, software etc.	\$ 35
School Nurse • Provision of School Nurse	\$ 70
Total Amount for Curriculum Contributions	\$ 300
Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Grounds maintenance	\$ 40
ICT Computer contribution for renewal of ICT Equipment	\$ 80
Total Amount for Other Contributions	\$ 120

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Carnegie 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
Incursions / Excursions / Online Incursions – Individual costing	\$100 Max for the Year
Swimming – 5 lessons over 1 week intensive	\$80 Approx.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- payment plans

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

Philippa Sciffer

Ph: 03 95712662 | Email: Philippa.sciffer@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

Total Contributions Summary Year Prep	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 300
Other Contributions	\$ 120
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – to be individually charged with each Event	\$PAYG
TOTAL AMOUNT	<u>\$ 420</u>

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.