



**SORRENTO PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Families,

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

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 support allows us to offer classes including Digital Technology, Performing Arts, Visual Art, Outdoor Education and PE taught by specialist teachers in dedicated learning areas. We are also able to offer an Options Program in the Senior school where students have the opportunity of participating in sessions such as cooking, languages and various outdoor activities.

Sorrento PS has a strong commitment to student health and wellbeing and offers a variety of programs that are supported by several external health and welfare providers.

Voluntary financial contributions have been integral to upgrading classroom learning spaces.

Your financial support will enable Sorrento PS to continue to offer our students these rich educational experiences and opportunities.

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

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Lesiuk  
Principal



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| Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Amount                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Foundation classroom consumables, materials and equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom stationery (\$70)</li> <li>English (\$15)</li> <li>Maths (\$15)</li> <li>Art (\$15)</li> <li>Digital Technologies (\$15)</li> <li>Performing Arts (\$15)</li> <li>Classroom consumables (\$15)</li> <li>Coastal School (\$20)</li> </ul> | \$180                        |
| Foundation Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Assessment</li> <li>Lexia</li> <li>Decodable Readers</li> <li>Mathletics</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                | \$15<br>\$25<br>\$15<br>\$20 |
| Foundation Technology contribution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$50                         |
| Foundation Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$30                         |
| Swimming program / Water safety                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$100                        |
| <b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>\$435</b>                 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Amount                       |
| Student and parent communication tools – Compass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$30                         |
| First Aid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$10                         |
| Library maintenance & enhancement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$10                         |
| Employment through local payroll for a groundskeeper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$20                         |
| School grounds maintenance and improvements - The rejuvenation of school buildings and surrounds. Projects include continuing painting of external buildings, developing our gardens and establishing a Ninja Course.                                                                                                                               | \$100                        |

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| <b>Total Other Contributions</b> | <b>\$170</b> |
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#### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis**

Sorrento 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. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

| <b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>              | <b>Amount</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Optional Foundation excursions and events to be scheduled | \$TBC         |
| <b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>        | <b>\$TBC</b>  |

#### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the school office on 5984 2130.

#### **Total**

| <b>Category</b>                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Curriculum Contributions              | <b>\$435</b> |
| Other Contributions                   | <b>\$170</b> |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | <b>\$TBC</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$605</b> |

#### Payment methods

Our preferred method of payment is directly through the Compass Portal. This is the only way you will receive an itemised receipt detailing your contributions.

Compass Portal – You will receive a dashboard notification that contributions are available to pay. Click on the notification and it will take you to the Action Centre page. Here you will see the year's contributions. Click on this to see a breakdown of the parent payments for 2025.

Payments by credit card, EFTPOS and cash are available, however, Compass is the school's preferred method of payment.

#### Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased, or where funds have already been transferred to a third party.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy, please follow the link:  
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

# 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.