



Preston South Primary School

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Dear parent/guardian,

Preston South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Preston South Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 has allowed us to offer a wider selection of subjects and special curriculum experiences, such as the Science Program, as well as enhanced digital learning opportunities and equipment for each student.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr Leon Leonidas

Principal

Educational items for students to own

Attached to this letter is the booklist of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use in 2025 (please see Page 6). Booklist items marked are specifically required for that year level.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Community consumables, materials and equipment for the following: • Literacy • Numeracy • The Arts • Sport and Physical Education • Science/ STEAM Program • LOTE Program • Technology eg. maintenance, iPads/Laptops, upkeep These consumables, materials and equipment will enable your child to participate in and learn the essential curriculum as guided by Preston South PS.	\$200
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$200

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Please tick desired amount or other amount if you wish to make a contribution to either of these areas			
Student Welfare	☐ \$20	☐ \$50	☐ \$70	☐ Other Specified Amount
OR				
School Grounds Fund	☐ \$20	☐ \$50	☐ \$70	☐ Other Specified Amount
Total Other Contributions				

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Preston South 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
Optional excursions and incursions to be scheduled	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Financial Support for Families

Preston South Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, (in addition to the 2025 School Saving Bonus being offered by the Department of Education), including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for eligible students
- State Schools' Relief Uniform Funding for eligible students

Flexible payment plans are available and can be discussed with the Business Manager.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services contact:

Mrs. Dianne Wells – Business Manager

Ph: 03 9484 1544 | Email: preston.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

<u>Total</u>	
Category	
Curriculum Contributions	Suggested Total of \$200
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Refunds

Refunds will be worked out on a case-by-case basis at the local school level and the school will use discretion to provide refunds to families and will do so where it is reasonable and fair (for example, if the school has not incurred a cost).

If the school has incurred costs, we will act reasonably and take into consideration the *Financial Help for Families Policy* and relevant arrangements, including support for families experiencing hardship. For example, the school may consider refunding families for unavoidable event cancellations if a family experiences a crisis or sudden serious illness and the student can no longer attend the event.

If the school decides to provide a refund, then parents/carers need to agree and advise the school where the refund should be paid. If that agreement cannot be reached, the refund is usually paid into the account from which the money came. Where the payment was made in cash, the school will wait until the parents/carers reach an agreement and advise the school.

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.