

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS - GRADES FOUNDATION, 1 & 2 – 2026

Seaholme 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 2026.

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 a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to have a wider offering of subjects, special curriculum experiences and enhanced digital learning opportunities. It has also enabled us to make significant improvements to our school grounds.

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

We look forward to another year of 'success for all' at Seaholme Primary School!

Yours sincerely,

James Barger Principal

Tess Fewtrell School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Curriculum Contributions - Shared Classroom Stationery - Curriculum Learning Materials - Specialist Learning Area Materials - Digital and Online Subscriptions - Digital Learning Program Foundation, 1 & 2	\$390.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Other Contributions - School Grounds, Maintenance, and Improvements - Communication Tools - First Aid Supplies and Health and Hygiene items - Student Wellbeing	\$110.00
Community Support Contribution A contribution to support students/families in need. This would be utilised to assist students to attend camps and excursions when families are experiencing financial hardship. This is a non-tax deductible contribution.	\$50.00
Tax deductible contributions	
Building Fund Donation A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (suggested \$50.00/\$100.00).	

Educational items for students to own

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use.

- Art smock: Seaholme Primary School art smocks may be purchased from our uniform provider or alternatively you may provide your own waterproof art smock.
- Reader Bag – students require a reader bag that can be purchased from the school uniform supplier. Students will utilise the reader bag for the entire time they attend Seaholme Primary School.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Seaholme 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Grade 2 Sleepover These activities are designed to enhance and broaden the educational experience of students.	\$TBC
Excursion and Incursions Incursions and excursions are provided to students to enhance and broaden their experience.	\$TBC
Swimming and Water Safety Program Through the swimming and water safety program students gain knowledge and skills as per the Victorian curriculum.	\$TBC
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$TBC

Financial Support for Families

Seaholme 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, please contact Leah McClelland, Assistant Principal on 03 9398 2806.

Payment methods

The preferred method of payment is via Compass for all contribution payments. This provides instant confirmation of payment and visibility of all contributions made. Credit/Debit cards can also be accepted at the school office.

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.

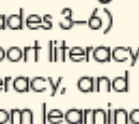
School Contribution

Whilst schools receive some Government funding, your support through voluntary school contributions plays a vital role in enriching our children's education experience.



What does my yearly School Contribution support?

At the beginning of each school year, this contribution will appear in the Compass app and subsidise essential resources beyond the basics provided by government funding, such as:

 Everyday classroom stationery for all students. 	 Art, STEM and PE materials to explore creativity, healthy exercise and classroom projects. 	 Digital learning resources like Reading Eggs, Mathletics, and iPad leasing (Grades 3-6) to support literacy, numeracy, and classroom learning. 	 Wellbeing programs to promote resilience, inclusion, and a positive school culture. 
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Additional Voluntary Financial Contributions

These are voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items that support the school's functions.

A general contribution goes towards:

-  **School grounds** for maintenance and improvements
-  **Communication tools:** Compass, newsletter, website
-  **First aid and hygiene supplies**
-  **Student wellbeing resources**

Other items:

-  **Community Support Contribution** to help students in need attend camps and excursions.
-  **Building Fund Donation** is optional and tax-deductible. As an example, these funds have supported replacing heating and cooling units.
-  **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities:** These are user pays items and activities that are "above and beyond" the standard curriculum. The costs for these, which include camps, excursions, and a swimming program, will be advised throughout the year.

How to make the payment

-  Through the Compass app
-  Credit & Debit cards payments are also accepted at the school office

If required, you can break down the payment into smaller amounts

Thank you for supporting our 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) 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.