

November 2022

2023 Curriculum Contributions

Dear Parent / Guardian

Pearcedale 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 2023.

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.

The Curriculum Contribution items are costs that the school incurs by purchasing the items that are provided to your child throughout the year. School Council is able to keep the cost of the curriculum contributions to a minimum through careful selection and bulk buying which also ensures all children are provided with access to the same items in their classrooms.

School Council has set the 2023 Curriculum Contributions at \$165.00 per student.

Other Contributions – Parent \$100.00 and Grounds & Building Maintenance \$45.00 per student.

Please find attached Pearcedale Primary School's Curriculum and Other Contributions schedule for 2023, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us provide.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our Parent / Guardian community over many years. Parent / Guardian contributions have made significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2023 will continue to allow us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, STEM, Art, Performing Arts, Inquiry Units, Auslan and PE
- Maintain and develop the school grounds and playgrounds
- Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop student reading skills
- Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: materials for teaching purposes
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment

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.

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

Yours sincerely

Simon Anderson
Principal

Adam Moss
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount per student
<p>Classroom consumables, materials, resources, equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom – Handwriting books, Word Books, Journals, dotted third, scrap, project and graph books, pens, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpener, pencil grip, post its, home reading journal, student diary, markers, highlighter pens, headphones, white mini board, folders, scissors, pencils case, inquiry unit materials, classroom craft supplies etc. • Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials • Art – Visual diary, pens, paint, pastels, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, clay, wood, markers • STEM – experiment items, scrap book, shared classroom materials, shared IT devices • English – class sets, dictionaries, novels, guided reading and take-home readers • Maths – class sets (MAB, playing cards, counters), specialised equipment • PE – ribbon, materials, equipment • Library – books, subscriptions • Performing Arts – Clear plastic folder • Auslan – scrap book • Student Health and Wellbeing – shared classroom materials and resources 	\$120.00
<p>Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathletics • Reading Eggs • Essential Assessment Literacy / Numeracy • PAT Maths, Reading • Compass and Seesaw 	\$45.00
TOTAL	\$165.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount per student
<p>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS – We are proud of our school and with your support, will continue to maintain and develop both the buildings and grounds for the benefit of our students and the local community.</p> <p>Parent Contribution – This enables us to fund many items which we consider essential within the school but are not directly funded by the Department of Education and Training. These include – updated and additional furniture, shared technology equipment e.g. iPads, audio visual equipment, specialised STEM equipment e.g. and musical equipment for school performances (including the school band and choir)</p>	\$100.00
<p>Grounds and Building Maintenance Contribution – This helps fund the ongoing maintenance of our grounds and gardens as well helping to maintain and develop our school facilities. This includes the ability to contract a garden maintenance for the beautification of the garden areas, upkeep of the artificial turf areas, playground equipment and shade sails.</p>	\$45.00
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$310.00

Extra-Curricular (OPTIONAL) Items and Activities

Pearcedale 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. Details of these items and activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.

No payment is required for these items or activities at this time – permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2023

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Optional Swimming Program and Water Safety Program
Optional Year 3- 6 School Camp, Snow Camp, Music Camp
Optional Year 6 Interschool Sports program
Other optional excursions to be scheduled
Optional Grade 6 Polos & Hoodies
Optional Whole School Photos

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions

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

Donna Holland

Ph: 03 5978 6250 | Email: pearcedale.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$165.00
Other Contributions	\$145.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments are essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Pearcedale Primary School. Payment can be made via Compass.

- Compass will be closed for payments from Friday 16 December 2022 – Sunday 15 January 2023
- 2023 Compass will be open for all payments from Monday 16 January 2023.

Alternatively, EFTPOS payments can be made directly at the Office during school operating hours.

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.

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.