

November 2023

Dear Families,

Strathtulloh Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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

Families' contributions will make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can provide an excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2024 will allow us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science & Technologies, Visual & Performing Arts and Health & Physical Education;
- Ensure the upkeep of our eLearning to enhance learning opportunities;
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills;
- Provide hands on maths equipment i.e.: measuring materials for enhanced teaching purposes;
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions;
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment and develop the school grounds;
- Offer effective First Aid for all students

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

If you have any questions or require additional support please contact our Business Manager, Emma Keogh by emailing strathtulloh.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Kris White
Founding Principal

Chantal McLennan
School Council President



| Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
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| Student Consumables <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise books• Stationery | \$60 |
| Classroom Consumables, Materials & Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Art Supplies• Library Books• Mathematics Equipment• Performing Art Supplies• Technology Equipment• English Items• Sports Equipment• Science Resources• Music Equipment• LOTE Resources | \$80 |
| Technology Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online Subscriptions• Printing, photocopying, learning resources | \$45 |
| Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| School Sports Victoria affiliation | \$50 |
| Student wellbeing programs | |
| First aid equipment | |
| School grounds maintenance and improvements | |
| Total Other Contributions | \$235 |

2024 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Strathtulloh 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. These are paid on a user-pays basis.

Financial Support for Families

Strathtulloh Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the school by emailing strathtulloh.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Payment methods

Parents are invited to make payment via Compass for your convenience, alternatively you make payment at the office via Credit/Debit Card.

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.

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) including the VCE Vocational Major 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.