

# Cranbourne South PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Purpose, Positivity, Persistence, Pride, Passion*



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cranbourne South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Cranbourne South Primary School's 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. 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.

We have endeavoured to keep costs down as much as possible, yet ensuring we deliver the best possible educational experience for our students.

The environment and resources that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent/carer community over many years. Parent/carers voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide an excellent range of facilities and resources for your children.

Your support in 2022 allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Guided Inquiry, Environmental Studies/Science, Visual and Performing Arts, and PE;
- Ensure the upkeep of our shared digital devices to enhance learning opportunities;
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills;
- Facilitate Literacy and Mathematics online digital subscriptions;
- Deliver a range of sporting equipment;
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies;
- Offer effective First Aid for all students.

For further information on how Parent Payments support our student's learning and current school programs please review the cost breakdown within each section of the Parent Payment categories; Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.

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

Yours sincerely,

Monique Corcoran  
PRINCIPAL

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ACTING PRESIDENT

# 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.