

Orbost North Primary School 4767

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Dear parent/guardian,

Orbost North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Orbost North Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; a wide range of excursions and activities.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jo Dacy-Broome

Principal

Anne Todd

**School Council President** 



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<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount				
Student classroom consumables, materials & equipment  Stationery and classroom consumables  Mathematics and Literacy workbooks  Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials  Art, STEAM consumables and resources  Online learning resources e.g. Mathletics, Reading Eggs					
Swimming program Term 1: pool entry and travel costs     Swimming program Term 4: pool entry and travel costs     Arts Council performances, excursions, incursions	\$25 \$80 \$25				
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities  Orbost North PS offers a range of activities and camps 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.	Amount				
For example: The costs for student's camps are calculated prior to the camps and vary according to a number of factors. As an example, in 2019 the Year 4 Lakeside Camp cost \$70, the 2020 Year 2-3 Lakes Entrance camp cost \$58, the 2020 Year 4 to 6 Beechworth camp cost \$340. Other charges for different athletics or other sports events may also arise for those eligible.	\$To be advised				
Total Amount	\$250				



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Please indicate if you choose to use Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds or other existing family credit
held at the school towards student Extra-Curricular Camps and Activities.

Yes		No			
Family	Name	<del>/////////////////////////////////////</del>			
Parent ,	/ Carer signat	ure			

### **Financial Support for Families**

We understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (for families that hold valid Health Care or Pension Card)
- Payment plans for extra-curricular activities e.g. camps.
- For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Joanne Dacy-Broome.

#### Payment methods

Direct credit payments can be made to BSB 313-140 Account 12004000

Please use family name and description of for what you are paying as reference for direct payments e.g. BrownTotal or BrownSwimming or BrownCurriculum. Alternatively return this form with items marked off prior to making direct credit payment and to indicate your choice regarding CSEF or existing family credit.

#### Refunds

Orbost North Primary School will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by families on a case by case basis, taking into consideration the individual circumstances. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been paid to a third party e.g. for camp costs where a child is unwell and is unable to attend where payment has already been paid for accommodation and no refund is available to the school.

If a student transfers to another Victorian school any unused CSEF credit will be transferred to that school on that student's behalf.



Education and Training

## 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.