



Southmoor Primary School

'Living for today with tomorrow in mind'

**SOUTHMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

ABN: 59 450 612 632

Dear Families,

Southmoor Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Southmoor 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'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 and faster WIFI and internet.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Siriopoulos
Acting Principal

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Rebecca Smith
School Council President

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Grade 4	Amount
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	
<p><i>Foundation classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inquiry program – paint, pastels crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$30)</i> • <i>Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Materials and Equipment – Shovels, Pots, Pans, soil, cutlery, seedlings, plants, fertiliser, fruit trees and consumables. (\$150)</i> • <i>Mathematics – Dice, counters, Unifix, cards, Multilink blocks, tape measures, scales (\$30)</i> • <i>English – book boxes, books, Readers, Big Books, Paper, Document Reader (\$25)</i> • <i>STEAM – Paper, Wire, tools, glue, rope, string, pipe cleaners, clips (\$20)</i> • <i>Sports – equipment (\$20)</i> 	\$275
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wushka \$22.5</i> • <i>Essential Assessment \$16</i> • <i>Acer (Pat Testing) \$4.5</i> • <i>Mosyle Mobile Device Management \$12</i> • <i>Seesaw \$7.7</i> • <i>Pivot \$5.3</i> 	\$68
<p>ICT Network Infrastructure/Upkeep we provide includes, Switches, Waps, Cabling, Printers, AppleTV, Shared TV, Laptops for ICT Lab, Robotics, Storage, Servers, Cables</p>	\$85
<p><i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i></p>	\$10
<p>Total Amount</p>	\$438
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>Groundsman</i></p>	\$50
<p><i>Student wellbeing programs – Smiling Minds</i></p>	\$10
<p><i>First aid equipment</i></p>	\$10
<p><i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i></p>	\$55
<p><i>Communication - Compass</i></p>	\$12
<p><i>In lieu of volunteering your time for fundraising activities</i></p>	\$100



Total Amount	\$237
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Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from <http://www.campion.com.au/> with the access code 33QV for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Southmoor 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. i.e. Camps, Excursions and Interschool Sport. Some of this category will be charged throughout the year.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please make payment via Compass

Grade 3	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		
<i>Digital Excellence Stickers and Flag</i>	\$4	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$4

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *Payment Plans*

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

Robyn Ballantyne

Ph: 03 95551235 | Email: Southmoor.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$438
Other Contributions	\$237
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$4

Payment methods

Credit Card – Via the school office

Via Compass – Course Confirmations (Preferred option)

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.