

Dear parent/guardian,

Moomba Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Moomba Park Primary School's 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 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 broader range of specialist subjects and programs, additional experiences to enhance learning for all students, and their learning spaces, as well as ensuring daily adequate staffing to ensure continuity of learning for all students. We hope to contribute towards various school murals with this year's Voluntary Contributions.

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

Yours sincerely,

Maria Marchionna **Principal** 

Dean Reeve School Council President



<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	
Classroom consumables, essentials for completing classwork including the following specialists' classes: • Art/Italian		
• STEAM		
• Music	\$50.00	
Physical Education		
includes specific materials for Maths & English, Student Planners, Dictionary, Playing Cards, Project Books, Writing Books, Scrapbooks & Handwriting Books.		
Online subscriptions		
Mathletics	\$15	
Sunshine Online & Storybox	\$15	
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$30	
Stationary Supplies, including pencil case and Headphones (as required)	\$40	
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$150	

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities that are not voluntary	Amount
School Communications (XUNO)	\$10.00
First aid and hygiene equipment (soap, toilet paper, paper towel, hand sanitiser, sunscreen, tissues etc)	\$5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements (including buildings, playgrounds & pool)	\$20.00
Library maintenance and enhancement	\$5.00
Total Other Contributions	\$40



### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis.

*Moomba Park 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 will be confirmed as they arise.

### **Financial Support for Families**

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Bree Whitford Ph: 03 9359 2028 | Email: <u>bree.whitford@education.vic.gov.au</u>

## Please complete and return this page with your preferred payment method by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

2023 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

2024 New Student, Grade \_\_\_\_\_

□*Thank you, my child will not be returning to Moomba Park Primary School in 2024.* 

Category		Totals
Curriculum Contributions		\$150.00
Other Contributions	(Non-tax deductible)	\$40.00
Voluntary Contributions (donations to school improvements)		\$
	Total	\$

### Payment methods

Please accept payment by:

- □ XUNO payment
- EFTPOS in Office
- □ Cash enclosed \$

Please arrange a payment plan (your will be contacted by the Business Manager)

#### 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.





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# 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	Other	Extra-Curricular Items and
Voluntary financial	Contributions	Activities
contributions for	Voluntary financial	Items and activities that
curriculum items and	contributions for non-	enhance or broaden the
activities which the school	curriculum items and	schooling experience of
deems necessary for	activities that relate to the	students and are above
students to learn the	school's functions and	and beyond what the
Curriculum.	objectives.	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.