



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Camberwell Primary School (CPS) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021.

We seek families' support with Voluntary Contributions, so that CPS can continue to deliver rich and varied education for your child. A key factor in our success and the quality of our academic and co-curricular programs is in the support we have had from our community over many years thanks to your financial contributions and your generosity volunteering time to support improving the environment as well as coming into class to enrich learning opportunities.

It is thanks to all of our families, who have contributed to our school, allowing us to:

- deliver a rich classroom learning environment with state of the art digital technology including, 1:1 iPad program from Year 1 to Year 6;
- install interactive televisions in each classroom;
- maintain a wide range of literacy resources at every level;
- ensure a rich range of maths equipment to engage the students to develop proficiency in numeracy skills and learn to think like a mathematician;
- resource an extensive range of specialist subjects to enable every child to shine including the visual arts, performing arts, science and physical education.
- provide memorable school events such as Senior School leadership opportunities and special programs such as Leading Others, Assembly and Electives.

Each year we develop a budget to cover estimated costs for the year ahead and from this process the Voluntary Contributions are calculated. Every effort is made to keep the Voluntary Contributions to the lowest amount so they are affordable for all families. 2020 has been a challenging year and we are very mindful of the impact on the School Community. As a result, in preparing the 2021 budget, we have thoroughly analysed our expenses and sought to identify areas where we can reduce our expenses, without comprising the quality of the education for students.

The budget was presented to School Council at its meeting in November, and based on this analysis School Council approved the Voluntary Contributions for 2021 of \$700 per student. This compares to 2020 Voluntary Contributions of \$780 per student for Foundation to year 2, and \$798 per student for years 3 to 6.

We seek your support to make Voluntary Contributions in 2021, to ensure that Camberwell Primary School can continue to deliver the outstanding bilingual partial immersion education of which we are so proud. We have provided below further details of some of the expenses that are covered by the Voluntary Contributions.

Tax Deductible Voluntary Contributions

Camberwell Primary School has two tax deductible funds that our families are welcome to contribute to.

Library Fund: supports the improvement of the library environment and resources allowing the purchase of Accessit as our library management system. Accessit provides a wide range of functionality including student review and easy accessibility for all levels of learners. We continually purchase new resources including audio, video and paper based books.

Building Fund: continual planned maintenance is supported by this fund. We channel contributions towards new carpeting, painting and upgrade to our buildings. Additionally these contributions are instrumental for the planning of major building works such as student toilet block upgrades and the much needed revamping of the senior building administration area.



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Optional Items

Occasionally your child may purchase optional items on a needs basis. This may be the purchase of recorders and recorder books, the purchase of Year 6 printed polos and jackets and option educational activities such as Berthe Merchette Poetry Competition, Math competitions and other competitions as they arise. Families will be notified of these optional activities as they arise.

Financial Support for Families

Camberwell Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including: **CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** and **consideration regarding school contributions**

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Janet Gale Ph.: 039882 4663 | Email: janet.gale@education.vic.gov.au

We request that you complete the attached Fee Schedule advice and make payment by Friday 26th February 2021

Yours sincerely,

Janet Gale
Principal

Stuart Lindsay
President, School Council



Voluntary Contributions

Student Learning

Your 2021 Voluntary Contributions of \$700 will support our school to provide the following items for student learning.	
Classroom supplies	Tubs/trolleys, mini whiteboards, staplers, writing equipment, workbooks, laminators and pockets, items for teacher displays and student self-assessment.
Maths	Unifix blocks, dice, clocks, counters, calculators, measurement sets, scales
Science	Robotics, experimental supplies, stationary
English	Guided reading texts, phonic games, Spelling games, dictionaries, readers, big books
French	Guided reading texts, phonic games, Spelling games, dictionaries, readers, big books
Visual Arts	This budget resources the delivery of the seven art forms identified in the Victorian Curriculum: drawing, painting, collage, printmaking, modelling, construction, threads and textiles. Tools: as scissors, light box, sharpeners, clay tools, trolleys, storage, art smocks, drying racks, cleaning equipment; visual art diaries, card and paper, paint and brushes, cutting blades, crayons, stencils, modelling clay & firing, craft materials.
Performing Arts	Microphones, purchase of new instruments, repairs, music sheets, c.d.'s and copyright. Junior, Middle and Senior school choirs, Musical soirees. Participation in national musical events.
Physical Education	A wider range of balls (netball, volleyball, soccer, basketball, AFL, softballs); class hockey sets, hurdles, shot put and discus for athletics, tennis nets, bib sets, rebound nets, bean bags. In 2021 our intention is to further enhance our program by purchasing basketball rings, soft ball gloves, pedometers and the replacement of worn out equipment.
Online affiliations	Mathletics for junior grades, Mangahigh for middle and senior grades. Education Perfect for French and English. Reading Eggs, BrainPop and Seesaw.
Library	Upgrades to our library system to enhance student engagement with book choice and referencing for curriculum use and personal advancement. A dedicated Library Technician for maintaining, categorizing and purchasing library books and reference materials as well as increasing student engagement to access and use different aspects of the library, providing and resourcing classroom curriculum delivery.
I.T.	Access to state of art equipment such as 1:1 iPad program that is maintained by a qualified IT technician. Interactive televisions, networks and driving systems across both campuses.
Wellbeing Hub	Our Wellbeing Hub continues to be improved with resources for students with additional needs and different learning styles to ensure an inclusive learning community where all students feel that they belong.
Student Resilience	Students, Staff and Parents have the opportunity to work with the Resilience Project facilitated by Martin Heppell. Students will work weekly on their knowledge and skills.
School Nurse	Qualified nurse employed to oversee and aid our students. All teaching and support staff fully trained with minimum Level 2.
Classroom furniture	Our classrooms are scheduled for furniture and furnishing upgrades.
Printing	A dual campus site with multi storey buildings, staff access 5 photocopiers and classroom or office printers.
Additional staff	Education Support staff have been employed to work alongside our teachers to help lead programs such as Sustainability, a Project Manager to support and to ensure the upkeep of our buildings and grounds with a Maintenance person.

Camps / Excursion / Activities

Due to the uncertainty in 2021 for our students attending camps and excursions, families will be informed of the details and cost, in a timely manner, giving ample time to plan.	
Camps	All students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students attend school camps.
Excursions and Incursions	Excursion and incursions are planned for each year level in line with curriculum studies.
Swimming	All students at CPS are offered the opportunity to partake in the swimming program.
Interschool Sports	Year 5 and Year 6 students participate in weekly interschool sports.
Performing Arts Production	Biannual musical production, choirs, participation in national and local events.
Recorder Program	Year 3 students are required to purchase recorder and recorder books.