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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Government schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and any contributions that you make are voluntary. The support that you provide the school through your Parent Payment ensures that we can offer the best possible education and support for your child/ren. By contributing in this way, you demonstrate your support and commitment to education as the main precursor of social, emotional, and academic success. Whether through your parent payments, fundraising or volunteering your time, you help make a difference in ensuring innovative, deep learning for all students.

The environment and resources that our students enjoy today represent the contributions by our parent /carer community over many years. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide the excellent range of facilities and resources for your children.

Your contributions allow us to update our texts and readers to reflect current interests and passions of our students, supply materials to develop our mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills, purchase materials to support the creativity and exploration in our Arts and Science programs and ensure that all students have access to equipment to develop as active and healthy students. These are just some of the wonderful supports that have been provided to our students to develop their learning and passion for education:

- Ensure the upkeep of our digital devices to enhance learning opportunities including interactive televisions and a 1:1 program of iPads for students from Year 1 to Year 6
- Facilitate extensive use of online digital subscriptions.
- Work with the Resilience Project, Puberty and Play is the Way
- The purchase of a piano, class sets of both jembes and ukuleles
- The organisation of the Junior, Middle and Senior Choirs plus the term-based Soirées
- Robots and Solar Power Cars for the Maker Space (STEM project)
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies.
- Offer effective First Aid for all students with the support of a Registered Nurse.
- Develop a dedicated Wellbeing Hub with soothing toys, books and furniture
- Contributions towards two additional classes to supplement the DET funded library and two classes
- Maintain and develop the school grounds including contributions to the new play spaces (the Sensory Garden, the Secret Garden, the Log Pyramid) and the Green Teams veggie boxes

All of these initiatives, and many more, contribute to creating a vibrant learning environment where student engagement is a priority, where their mental health and wellbeing underpin all educational decisions and where we focus on equipping our students to meet the challenges of a complex world.

Please note that Camberwell Primary School has developed a consistent approach to the 2022 financial contributions from Foundation to Year 6.

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

Yours sincerely,

Janet Gale

Principal

Stuart Lindsay

School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom supplies</li> <li>Art supplies</li> <li>Musical instruments and supplies</li> <li>Science supplies</li> <li>Mathematics equipment &amp; supplies</li> <li>French books and supplies</li> <li>English books &amp; supplies</li> <li>Sports equipment</li> </ul>	\$509.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathletics</li> <li>Reading Eggs</li> <li>Education Perfect</li> <li>Brain Pop</li> <li>See Saw</li> <li>Mangahigh</li> <li>SPA tracker</li> </ul>	
<i>ICT</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iPads / Charging carts and cabinets / T.V.'s and trolleys / Apps / ViVi &amp; JAMF</li> <li>Technician / Switches / Servers</li> </ul>	
<i>Classroom Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	
<i>Assessments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAT testing</li> </ul>	
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the uncertainty of the current pandemic situation, these events will be made available on an ad-hoc basis</li> </ul>	To be advised
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria membership and Kooyong District Fees</i>	\$211.00
<i>Student &amp; Parent Communications Tools – Compass</i>	
<i>Enhanced Student Support</i>	
<i>Student wellbeing programs – Resilience Program</i>	
<i>First aid equipment and qualified nurse</i>	
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	



Tax deductible contributions	
Suggested donations: \$50.00 / \$100.00 / \$200.00 / Other	
<b>Building fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$.....
<b>Library fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$.....
<b>Total Amount</b>	\$

### Educational items for students to own

Camberwell Primary Schools purchases all classroom and specialist class equipment in bulk. This ensures that your child/ren are supplied with the best quality items at the cheapest rate. All equipment is supplied on site with no further purchases required by parents.

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Camberwell 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.

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional School magazine/ yearbook details will be made available in Term 3	T.B.A.
Optional Activities – School based. Camps / excursions / incursions / guest speakers / sport carnivals and events	T.B.A.
Optional Outside of School Hours – Graduations / Concerts / Awards	T.B.A.
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	



### Financial Support for Families

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will be available in 2022 for eligible families who hold Health Care Cards. More information about CSEF is available at the school office

*Camberwell Primary School* understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers support on a need's basis. For a confidential discussion about accessing help, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

- Brenda Porteous      9882 4663      [brenda.porteous@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:brenda.porteous@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$509.00
Other Contributions	\$211.00
Other Contributions – Tax Deductible Building and Library Funds	Donations \$.....
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	T.B.A.

### Payment methods

*All families are requested to use Compass as the preferred method of payment. Payments will be made through the 'Course Confirmation' portal which will be loaded to each family individually and will be visible on your family home page. Information will be made available shortly to all on how to utilise this portal.*

### 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.