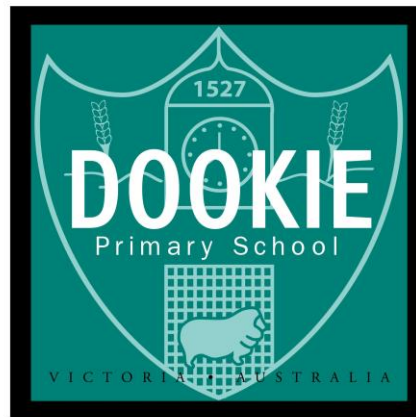


'From Little Things



... Big Things Grow!
Paul Kelly

03/03/2023

Dear parent/guardian,

Dookie Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Dookie 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 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 utilise computer software and hardware to support student education. E.g., Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Smart Spelling. Additional support, including volunteer support has seen our students participate in valued varied activities, excursions local and Melbourne based.

If you would like to pay the voluntary contribution you are able to pay at the commencement of the 2023 school year. An invoice will not be issued, however please see attached document for payment methods.

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

Yours sincerely,

Luke Kleinig
Acting Principal

Peter Shields
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen/Garden \$50.00 Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC) No charge 2023 Mobile Art Craft Centre (MACC) No charge 2023 	\$ 50.00
<i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathletics \$12.00 Reading Eggs \$12.00 Smart Spelling \$ 6.00 	\$ 30.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$80.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>GDSSA School Sports membership No charge 2023</i>	\$ 00.00
Total Other Contributions	\$ 00.00

Educational items for students to own

A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Lovells Newsagency for your child to individually own and use, will be sent home in November 2023.

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

Dookie 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.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Camps and excursions are offered as an extra-curricular activity, and an opportunity for students to participate on a user pays basis</i>	
Optional School camp – Year levels, destination, timing, cost. To be advised.	\$TBA
Optional Interschool sports program e.g. Hockey 7's. To be advised. Estimate \$5.00	\$TBA
Optional Excursions e.g. Cluster cultural performance, Rural schools AFL 9's, Cluster MARC Library activity. To be advised. Estimate: \$30.00	\$TBA
Optional Year 6 polo shirt estimate \$45.00 To be confirmed	\$TBC
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

Dookie 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:

Luke Kleinig

Ph: 03 5828 6585 | Email: dookie.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$80.00
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$00.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (To be advised)	TBA
Total	\$80.00

Payment methods

If you would like to pay the Voluntary contributions, you are able to make payment at the commencement of the 2023 school year. Refer payments methods below, contact Cheryl if you need your BPay details. Please note an invoice will not be issued. No paperwork is required to be returned, however it would be helpful if you advised Cheryl the breakdown of your payment. This can be done by emailing the school dookie.ps@education.vic.gov.au

- Preferred - bPay facility refer Family Statement for reference numbers
- Direct Credit Dookie Primary School Bank Account refer Family Statement for bank details, include Surname & relevant reference when completing electronic transfer
- Cash in suitably marked envelope placed in silver locked box in office foyer

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.