



Dear Parent / Guardian and Carers,

Clyde Creek Primary School – Specialist Campus is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Clyde Creek Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 purchase books for our library, enhance digital learning opportunities and is supporting a planned digital screen for our gym.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jodie Bray
PRINCIPAL

Hannah Burton
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year Prep – Year 6 classroom consumables, materials and equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. (\$20) • Library – books and resources (\$20) • Science – chemicals, resources (\$10) • Mathematics – numeracy resources (\$10) • English – books (\$10) • Sports – equipment (\$20) 	\$90
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$10
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
COMPASS	\$10
School Sport Victoria Membership	\$10
First aid and hygiene equipment	\$20
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
Total Amount	\$170

Curriculum contributions listed are for full time students. Part time students are pro rata.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Clyde Creek 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled</i>	TBC	
<i>Interschool Sports Programs (Year 5/6)</i>	TBC	
<i>Excursions</i>	TBC	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Clyde Creek 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 via Compass

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

Terri Gwynne – Business Manager

Email: clyde.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$110
Other Contributions	\$60
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBC

Payment methods

- Compass Pay
- Eftpos/Credit Card (Eftpos machine at reception)
- Centrepay – this is a free service for Centrelink customers to pay expenses as regular deductions from their Centrelink payments. Deductions can be started, changed or cancelled at any time to suit the family's circumstances. Please request a form from the office.

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.