



Dear Prep 2026 Parents/Guardians,

Oakleigh South Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Oakleigh South Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to the functioning of the school. The facilities and the programs we can offer your children due to these contributions has a significant impact on the success and enjoyment of your children's education.

Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities are in the tables below. Slight amendments may be necessary as the year progresses however, as with previous years, these will be kept to a minimum. These items are detailed below and consist of an individual book pack, consumable items per curriculum area, 1 to 1 ICT device co contribution and online learning subscriptions. *Note: prices do not include GST.*

Within our school this support has allowed us to deliver a strong literacy and numeracy program while providing quality programs in other areas such as STEM, Arts, Japanese, Sports and Sustainability initiatives in line with the school's strategic plan.

Outlined in the following document are curriculum contributions, voluntary contributions and an indication of extra curricular activities for 2026 as approved by School Council

In order to ensure that all students have access to high quality teaching and learning materials we bulk purchase items free of GST on parents' behalf. This minimises costs – as the school does not have to pay for GST - and ensures that all students at each year level have access to the same quality of materials. However, should you prefer to buy your own stationery, please email Joanne Chapple – joanne.chapple@education.vic.gov.au for a list of the exact items by brand and style required by **close of business on Friday 31st October 2025. A list will be emailed to all parents who request this information on Wednesday 5th November 2025.**

For a confidential discussion about accessing any of the payment services listed on the last page, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact via 9570 1016 or via e-mail

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

Yours sincerely,

Nikki Virtuoso

Acting Principal

Andrew Power

School Council President

Library Fund Contributions 2025
Impact of Library fund contributions for 2025.

In 2025 we collected the following Library Fund Donations: **\$27,431.75**

In 2025 the Library Fund Donation contributed to the following: - Supporting AR, MyOn, classroom reading as well as constantly update and adding to the current library resources. It also covered the costs of replacing lost and damaged books as well as covering and cataloguing new books.

School Saving Bonus 2026

In 2025 each family received the School Saving Bonus of \$400.00 per child who attended a Victorian Government School. This initiative will not continue in 2026.

Prep - \$ 452.08

Prep 2026 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.	Cost per child
Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum. Examples for supplies include but are not limited to - paper, cover paper, PVA glue, paint, copy paper, laminating pouches for certificates/special work & home learning sheets, consumables for cooking such as eggs, flour, milk, baking powder, food dye, etc...	\$ 50.00
Individual Book Packs <i>Items include: Exercise books, scrapbooks, handwriting books, Home Reading Journal, pencil grip, pens/pencils, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, Prep Number Book, Prep Handwriting Book, Prep Alphabet Book, Maths Invaders Record Book and Prep word list & certificates. Scholar Green Reader/Notice Bag</i>	\$ 63.28
Consumables for classroom Art activities e.g. special paints, pens, papers, cellophane, ribbons, material, paper circles, pipe cleaners (includes but not limited to the above)	\$ 20.00
Special Events: e.g. Easter Hat Parade, 100 days of Prep, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Teddy Bear Sleepover	\$ 20.00
Consumables for English e.g. special writing papers, VCOP resources & supplies, Prep word list rings	\$ 15.00
Consumables for Maths e.g. stickers, icy pole sticks, craft materials for pattern making, laminated number chart and resources	\$ 10.00
Consumables for Japanese e.g. Japanese Cultural Day, craft activities, scrapbook/folder	\$ 15.00
Consumables for Science e.g. science materials, activities, scrapbook	\$ 10.00
Visual Art Supplies (Art room) e.g. specialist art, paints, paper, glue, wool, specialised markers and pen s, pastels, pencils etc... (includes but not limited to the above)	\$ 35.00
Prep Online Learning - Athletics (\$9.00) - Reading Eggs (\$9.00) - Essential Assessment - Numeracy & Literacy (\$15.00) - Softlink – Library (\$5.80)	\$38.80
ICT Device co contribution for 1 to 1 student access – Classroom, Robotics Lab & Japanese	\$ 175.00
Total for 2026	\$452.08

Other Contributions

Oakleigh South Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school’s important priorities for 2026, as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Tax deductible Contribution		Suggested amount			Amount
Library Fund		\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	Other amount
TOTAL					\$

Information on how to contribute to the Library fund for 2026 will be sent to all parents via Compass at the beginning of the school year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities - costs to be paid throughout the year

Oakleigh South 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user pays basis. These activities include but are not limited to the activities and items listed in the table below.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional camps, excursions, incursions, and special events as scheduled throughout 2026. The cost of these activities will be advised throughout the year. Below prices are approximates only.	To be advised
Swimming Program	\$60.00
Inter-school Sport Levy Year 5	\$60.00
Inter-school Sport Levy Year 6	\$140.00
Year 5 Camp – activity needs School Council approval for 2026	\$550.00
Year 6 Camp – activity needs School Council approval for 2026	\$750.00
Sporting event: House Swimming	\$15.00
Sporting event: House Athletics	\$15.00
Year Book (Year 6)	\$10.00
Graduation Rugby Top (Year 6)	\$95.00
Graduation Polo (Year 6)	\$60.00
Production recording (Year 2 & 4)	\$25.00
Production recording (Year 6)	\$35.00
Year 6 Production T-shirt (Year 6)	\$25.00
Inter-school Sport T-shirt (Year 5 & 6)	\$20.00
Worm Farm Kit (Year 3)	\$10.00
OSPS Scarf	\$20.00
OSPS Beanie	\$20.00

Excursions/Incursions – costs to be paid throughout the year

Parents/Carers will pay and provide permission for excursions/incursions through Compass our online payment and permission platform as they arise.

Financial Support for families

Oakleigh South Primary School Understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

Payment Plan

Oakleigh South Primary School offers a number of payment plan options, payment plans can be arranged for payment for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities only.

- Equal monthly payments (over 10 months)
- Quarterly payments paid each term in 2026
- Or by arrangement with our Business Manager

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible for CSEF payments. Applications for the CSEF will be available from the school office. Payments are made directly to the school and are attached to individual students.

For a confidential discussion about accessing any of the above services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact via 9570 1016 or via e-mail

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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

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.

For further advice or support in implementing the Parent Payments Policy in your school, please contact the School Operations and Governance Unit (SOGU) at parent.payments@education.vic.gov.au.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

REQUESTING PARENT PAYMENTS FOR CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS – ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



OFFERING CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS ON A USER-PAYS BASIS

- Schools can invite parents to purchase camps or excursions on a user-pays basis if:
 - it is not required for students to meet Curriculum outcomes in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major or the Victorian Pathways Certificate, *or*
 - there is a free alternative activity provided to meet Curriculum outcomes.
- Camps or excursions provided on a user-pays basis can still be linked to curriculum-based learning but must be categorised in Extra-Curricular Items and Activities.
- Schools can ask parents to pay for the costs of a user-pays camp or excursion, including transport, food, entry, accommodation (for students and teachers), and supporting casual relief teachers (during its operation, either on or off the school premises).
- Schools cannot ask parents to pay for the salaries of Department teaching staff attending a camp or excursion provided on a user-pays basis.
- Schools can invoice families for camps and excursions provided on a user-pays basis.
- Schools should help families facing financial hardship to purchase these camps or excursions.



REQUESTING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OTHER CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

- Schools may request Curriculum Contributions towards the costs of camps and excursions that are required by all students to meet Curriculum outcomes.
- Each school determines whether a camp or excursion is required by all students to meet Curriculum outcomes based on their local context.
- Schools cannot deny student access to a camp or excursion on the basis of Curriculum Contributions not being made.



COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

Schools must not:

- Indicate that contributions for camps and excursions are compulsory.
- Indicate that a user pays camp or excursion is compulsory for students to attend.



SUGGESTED COMMUNICATION

Inviting parents to pay for activities provided on a user-pays basis

- *We provide an opportunity for all students to attend this camp/excursion. Students will experience [adapt as relevant] the outdoor environment and build resilience, incorporating key learning opportunities related to the [subject] curriculum.*
- *This opportunity costs \$xx.*
- *[If relevant] – We have subsidised this experience so that it is affordable for families, with additional support options available based on need. Please contact [staff member] for more information regarding this support.*

Requesting contributions for activities required to meet Curriculum outcomes

- *This excursion is a required element of the school's Curriculum. All students are expected to attend.*
- *We invite you to support our school by making a Curriculum Contribution, so that we can continue to provide these opportunities for all students.*