



**INVERLEIGH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Parent Payments 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Inverleigh Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our school's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The contributions of families in the past have allowed us to update our Literacy and Numeracy resources, and to purchase additional sporting equipment, art supplies and digital technology resources. The commitment from parents to contribute enables us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and ensures that all students have access to equipment and creative materials to develop healthy bodies and minds. This benefits all students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning.

At Inverleigh Primary School, we design and develop learning and teaching programs drawing on the best educational knowledge and practices. We strive to offer broad and enriched opportunities to students that are above and beyond what is required in the standard curriculum and what is provided for by Government funding.

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

The Department of Education and Training reviewed parent contribution practices across a significant number of schools and found some inconsistency in the way contributions were being requested and managed. In recognition of this, the Department has now made changes to how schools seek contributions to align practices across the system and ensure consistency. The intent is to ensure parents and schools use common terminology and have a shared understanding around parent payment arrangements.

Yours Sincerely,

Sharon Baker

Principal

Matthew Barnett

School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p>Year 3-6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared supplies (coloured paper, cover paper etc (\$10.00) • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. (\$10.00) • STEM /LOTE– Consumables (\$10.00) • Student diary (15.00) 	\$45.00
<p>Year 3- 6 Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessments (\$15.00) • Reading Eggs (\$15.00) • Parent Compass App (\$10.00) 	\$40.00
<p>Year 3-6 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</p>	\$15.00
<p>Year 3-6 school events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Ed (\$15.00) • Concert (bus costs) (\$15.00) 	\$30.00
<p>Year F-2 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared supplies (coloured paper, cover paper etc (\$10.00) • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. (\$10.00) • Science /LOTE – Consumables (\$5.00) • Student diary (15.00) 	\$40.00
<p>Year F-2 Online Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessments (\$15.00) • Reading Eggs (\$15.00) • Parent Compass App (\$10.00) 	\$40.00
<p>Year F-2 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</p>	\$10.00
<p>Year F-2 school events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Ed (\$15.00) • Bravehearts (10.00) • Concert Travel (bus costs) (\$15.00) 	\$40.00



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Financial Support for Families

Inverleigh Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Inverleigh PS give families the option of setting up a direct debit schedule (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) over the school year to cover all activities /camps / etc.
- For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Anne Cunningham (Business Manager)

5265 1340

anne.cunningham@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$

Payment methods

Payments can be made by Cash, Credit Card (onsite) Bank Transfer or Direct Debit (please see above).

Bank details are: BSB 063-512

Account # 00902634

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.