Ascot Vale Primary School
No: 2608

22nd October 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: 2026 Year Foundation/Prep Parent Payment Arrangements

Ascot Vale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ascot Vale 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made an enormous difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Across our school this support has allowed AVPS to offer a range of learning resources and experiences, including a wide range of subjects and curriculum activities; digital learning equipment and opportunities, including access to high quality Chromebook devices and large TV screens available in every classroom; improvements to our school amenities; quality literacy and numeracy resources, and classroom and special subject equipment and resources.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ben Kline
Acting Principal

Joe Egan
School Council President

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2026 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 5-6 Materials ● Book/Stationery Pack – Scrapbooks, exercise books, grid books, glue sticks, pencils, scissors, sharpener, eraser, markers, coloured pencils, fine liners, photocopying, classroom teacher resources etc. ($70) ● Specialist and Classroom Art Materials – for example: paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glitter, textiles ($23) **Year 5-6 Online Subscriptions** ● Smart Words ($30) ● Essential Assessment ($15)	**$138**
Year 3-6 ICT Chromebooks ● Provision, licence, and storage of 1 Chromebook device per student. Each student will be issued a Chromebook for their own use. These will be stored securely at school.	**$220**
Year 5-6 Health & Physical Education *To be confirmed in 2026 and arranged separately via Compass.* ● Dance ● Swimming ● 'Interrelate' incursion	**$TBC**
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
Student Sponsorship enables AVPS to subsidies camps, excursions, sporting events or similar activities for eligible families. These valuable donations ensure children do not miss participating in important school and learning experiences.	**$100**
Working Bee contribution is available for parents who would like to assist but are not available to attend our scheduled working bees during the year. If parents cannot attend and are not involved in other voluntary work at the school, they may choose to make a working bee contribution.	**$100**
First aid equipment contribution to help cover the cost of first aid supplies for student consumption	**$10**
Student Sponsorship - ICT Device supports AVPS to provide digital devices to all students.	**$50**
Fresh Fruit Fridays contribute the purchase of a variety of seasonal fresh fruit each Friday for all students.	**$10**
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. *A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.*	**$200**
Library fund*. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.*	**$100**

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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ascot Vale Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Please note: All items below will be placed on Compass as an Event and amounts to be confirmed in 2026.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Excursions, Incursions & Activities to be scheduled	**TBC**	
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		**$**

Financial Support for Families

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

- The **Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** to the value of $125.00 provides payments for eligible students to go towards the cost of camps, sports, and excursions. Families holding a valid means- tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply, and a Special Consideration eligibility category also exists. Please note, if a child leaves AVPS throughout the year, the remainder of their unspent CSEF will be transferred to their next Victorian Government School.
- **State School Relief** may cover the cost of new school uniforms, shoes, books and more for disadvantaged students. State Schools' Relief only responds to requests from school principals, assistant principals, or welfare coordinators. Parents or Carers who need support to make an appointment with the school to discuss their situation.
- **Student Sponsorship**. The school can provide subsidies for camps, excursions, or sport to eligible students due to the generous donations of AVPS families.
- **Community Assistance.** The school can provide families with links with local services and welfare groups which can provide specialist support and assistance to students and families in financial crisis. The school also provides a student sponsorship program to assist such families in need.
- **Commonwealth Family Assistance.** The Commonwealth Government provides a range of payments and services to help families look after their children's health, education, and other family issues. Please contact our office staff to arrange assistance if necessary.

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

Susan Osborne Ph: 03 93706507 | Email: ascot.vale.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	$
Other Contributions	$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	$

Payment methods

- **Compass** – AVPS's preferred method:
  - Access **course confirmation** on your child / children's Compass homepage.
    Select **payment charges** from the different categories (see descriptions below). Curriculum/Other Contributions are **Voluntary and can be changed** (reduced or increased) to suit the payee.
  - MVIMP – term by term via the Compass Parent Portal as an event
  - Extra-Curricular Excursions/Incursions/Camps - Pay as you go via the Compass Parent Portal as an event.
- **In person at the office**
  - Credit / debit card or cash payments are accepted.
  - AMEX, Diners Club, and cheques are not accepted.
- **By phone – (03) 9370 6507**
  - Credit / debit card payments are accepted.
  - AMEX, Diners Club, and cheques are not accepted.

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 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.