

Dear parent / carer,

Echuca East Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Echuca East Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 our school.

Within our school this support has allowed us to have a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences and our long awaited fitness track is almost a reality.


Please use [this link](#) to the online curriculum contribution form to indicate your contribution.

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

Yours sincerely,



**Lyn Strachan**  
Principal



**Chris Campbell**  
School Council President

| <b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum  | Amount        |
|--|---------------|
| Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student stationery</li> <li>• Student diary</li> <li>• Headphones</li> <li>• Apps</li> <li>• Online subscriptions</li> </ul> | \$200         |
| <b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities   | Amount        |
| School Sports Victoria membership  | \$3           |
| Sentral – student & parent communication tool  | \$25          |
| Student wellbeing programs   | \$5           |
| First aid equipment  | \$5           |
| School grounds maintenance and improvements  | \$20          |
| <b>Total Amount</b>  | <b>\$ 258</b> |

### **Educational items for students to own – Grades 3 to 6 only**

Student in grades 3 to 6 can bring an iPad to school to use in the classroom.

The school recommends you purchase an iPad from [Education Advantage](#) for your child to individually own and use.

### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Echuca East 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.

These activities, excursions and camps will be communicated to families as early as possible and will be optional.

### Financial Support for Families

Echuca East 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

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

Jodi Boal

Ph: 03 5482 2588 | Email: [jodi.boal@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jodi.boal@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

| Category                              |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Curriculum Contributions              | \$ 200 |
| Other Contributions                   | \$ 58  |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$ TBC |

### Payment methods

- Cash
- Direct Deposit – 633 000 137 188 686
- Centrepay

### 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.