

## AXEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Excellence Through Endeavour"

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Respect, Personal Best, Resilience, Cooperation

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill 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 makes a huge difference to our school and the programs and resources we can offer. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview on the back of this letter.

Please complete one parent payment form for EACH of your children. Parent Payment forms will also been emailed to families as a fillable PDF if this is easier to complete.

Note: Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund payments are \$400.00 per year, per eligible student in 2026. If you hold a valid means-tested concession care you may be eligible for CSEF. If you are eligible to receive CSEF, you can use this to make payments for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. Please complete an application form at the beginning of the 2026 school year.

In 2025 all families received the School Savings Bonus payment, this is not available in 2026.

Parent Payment forms are due back to school by Friday 5th December 2025. If the PDF form is used please save the PDF (for each child) and email back to the school at: axedale.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment is not required at this time, just an indication of commitment.

Payment can be made via the Compass App, in person at the office with cash or eftpos, or using BPay or Direct Deposit into the school bank account. Please contact the office if you need any further information or banking details.

Please note if families want to make payment for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities this can only be done via the office, BPay or Direct Deposit. Charges won't show on the Compass App until the Event is occurring.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Corrina Hartland Principal **Axedale Primary School**  Sonya Browne President School Council **Axedale Primary School** 





# 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 noncurriculum 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.