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Dear parent/guardian,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support will allow us to:

- Offer a wider range of subjects and special curriculum experiences for our students across all year levels
- Ensure the upkeep of our computer devices to enhance learning opportunities
- Purchase of new library books to encourage student borrowing and reading
- Continue to stock our classroom libraries for all year levels
- Investment in new Numeracy and Literacy resources
- Offer effective First Aid for all students
- Ongoing grounds and building maintenance as required and further new grounds improvements

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

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Dunstone

Acting Principal

Abbey Baines

School Council President

Leanne Cleary

Business Manager



2026 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Prep - Year 6

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	per STUDENT
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English — book boxes, whiteboard and markers etc Mathematics — numeracy blocks, dice, money counters etc Art — paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc STEM — paddle pop sticks, straws, toothpicks, pipe cleaners etc Sports — equipment Publications & library resources 	\$100
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading eggs Mathletics Soundwaves PAT maths and reading Firefly Education Inquisitive 	\$100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICT devices - provision of devices from the shared classroom sets 	\$30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials 	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$250
Other Contributions	per FAMILY
First aid equipment and hygiene costs	\$25
Student & parent communication tool - XUNO	\$25
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$100

Example of Curriculum Contributions Scenario	Number of students in your family	Amount \$
Curriculum Contributions (<i>per student</i>)	2	\$500
Other Contributions (<i>per family</i>)	1 per family	\$100
<i>Opt-In Extra –Curricular Items and Activities (excursions/camps/activities to be scheduled)</i>		<i>TBA on Xuno</i>
TOTAL FAMILY CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION		\$600

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities—provided on a user-pays basis

Panton Hill 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 to deliver the Curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities ie. Camp, Life Ed, Mad About Science, David Skinner Dance etc. will be advised on Xuno throughout the year.

Educational Items for students to own

Attached is a link containing a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Maxim Office Group for your child to individually own and use. The letter also explains the ordering process for our recommended student book packs. Panton Hill Primary School has again partnered with Maxim Office Group to ensure a seamless ordering process.

Art smocks and headphones are not required items for our curriculum delivery. If your child wishes to use them, we recommend you purchase them for your child to individually own and use.

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) - \$154 per student (means tested)
- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families. We also offer a second hand uniform cupboard.
- Payment plans can be arranged for extra-curricular items such as camps, excursion and activities through the office.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Leanne Cleary at the office on 9719-7202 or panton.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Panton Hill Primary School accepts EFTPOS, cash, credit card authority, direct deposit and payments via Xuno.

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

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.