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DIGGERS REST PRIMARY SCHOOL

70-90 Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest Vic. 3427 Phone 9740 1391

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS - INCLUDING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parents

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Diggers Rest Primary School for 2027and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Diggers Rest Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Pamela Wilkins, 03 9740 1391, pamela.wilkins@education.vic.gov.au.

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number 03 9740 1391. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal

Jamie Wyatt
School Council President

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DIGGERS REST PRIMARY SCHOOL 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions	Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less	Amount
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	$95.00	$ [parent to complete]

Extra-curricular items and activities

Diggers Rest Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- Optional activities, camps, excursions and programs
- Class photos
- Graduation
- Grade 6 Graduation Wear

We have provided confirmed or indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below. Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made now or later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	Indicative cost	Confirmed cost (where known)	Parent/carer to select
Grade 5 School Camp	**$450.00 Estimate**		
Grade 3 – Grade 6 Interschool Sports Program	**$10.00 approximately per activity**		

Grade 6 Graduation	**$50.00 Estimate**		
Other future Extra-Curricular incursions and excursions to be scheduled with a fee attached, students invited to attend on a user-pay basis (CSEF funds can be used	**Cost per individual activity: Charge is normally between $25 - $50 based on actual activity cost.**		
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities			

Book pack items:
You can choose to buy learning materials for your child to individually use and own. These items can be bought from any supplier.

Diggers Rest Primary School has an arrangement with the following supplier for the materials that you can buy: **Paperchase**

If you do not buy these items, your child will still be provided with what they need, however they may not be provided with these items to own, or keep, on an individual basis. If you wish to buy items through the supplier, please go to: http://booklist.paperchase.com.au and use access code **BTSDRPS**.

If you would like to buy items to own that are not from this supplier, you can contact Lisa Giggins Ph: 03 9740 1391 or Email: diggers.rest.ps@education.vic.gov.au for information about that will be used.

Financial help for families

Diggers Rest Primary School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms** - delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access the above financial help, please contact:
Lisa Giggins Ph: 03 9740 1391 | Email: diggers.rest.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Diggers Rest Primary School contributions are outlined in our Sentral payment portal for each student. Payment methods include:-

- Sentral Pay (Preferred)
- Direct Deposit into School Account (BSB 063 548 Account 00800277) please include your name/child's name in the description.
- Bpay
- Cash

If you want to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can:

- decide when to make each contribution
- choose the amount of each contribution.

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 of Education's Parent Contributions policy and guidance, Financial Help for Families policy, and any other relevant information.]