



DIGGERS REST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest Vic. 3427 Phone 9740 1391

11 November 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Diggers Rest Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Diggers Rest's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 and the programs we can offer.

Within our school your financial support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. This includes and is not limited to:

- The purchasing of art, music and physical education equipment and resources
- School Wide Positive Behaviours program – Go Green, Student Leadership Program, Lunchtime Clubs and Activities
- Purchase of new class iPads for years Prep - 2
- Library Books and Class sets
- Beautification and upkeep of school grounds

Please find attached the Diggers Rest Primary School's Curriculum Contributions and Other Contributions Schedule for 2025, which includes an overview of how your financial contribution will support our school.

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

Yours sincerely,



Sheridan Thomas
Principal



Jamie Wyatt
School Council President

**Educational Items for Students to Own**

A list of items that the school recommends you purchase from our supplier for your child to individually own and use will be provided to you. A How to Order sheet is included with this information.

This link can be posted into your browser or click here to follow the link to purchase your items: <http://booklist.paperchase.com.au> and use access code **BTSDRPS**.

When you are purchasing the Book Packs from Paperchase, please ensure you order by the 20th December 2024 to take advantage of the bulk price discount that Paperchase has given us and also to avoid the processing fee. All orders placed by the 20th of December 2024 will be delivered to the school before the start of Term 1 for use by your student on the first day of school.

**Please Place Book Pack Orders with Paperchase by
20th December 2024**

<http://booklist.paperchase.com.au> Access Code **BTSDRPS**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – User pays

Diggers Rest 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. Examples of these items and activities include Excursions, Incursions, Camps, Interschool Sports, Year 6 Jacket and School Photos.

The costs for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities will be advised throughout the year as they arise.

Financial Support for Families

Diggers Rest Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the School Savings Bonus which can be used for students to attend camps, sports, excursions and graduation
- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions
- State School Relief
- Payment Plan for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Ph: 03 9740 1391 | Email: diggers.rest.ps@education.vic.gov.au



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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.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount per child
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, wood, wool, beading • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, teaching resources, concrete materials • English – F&P Testing Kits, guided reading books, take home readers, Smartwords workbooks • Sports – equipment, ribbons • Library – books, subscriptions • Stem equipment and devices – Robotics, Lego 	\$ 50.00
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment • Sunshine online • Twinkl • Oliver • Apple-Procreate 	\$ 30.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$ 15.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$ 95.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount Please Nominate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I.T. (Information Technology) Fund 	\$ _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds Beautification 	\$ _____
Total Amount (Curriculum Contributions + Other Contributions) Please enter total amount.	\$ _____



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Payment Methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Diggers Rest Primary School.

Payments for the above contributions can be made via

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

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.