

07th November 2025

Dear Families,

Ormond Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. As per Departmental policy we are required to advise you of the 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. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. This is particularly relevant for Ormond Primary School as we continue to align our practices and curriculum with strong evidence bases to ensure we are delivering the best possible education for our students.

We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. Your contributions make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school your support has allowed us to implement high quality specialist programs at the school including Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Science, and STEM; enhanced digital learning opportunities with provision and access to laptops and iPads; and the upgrade and maintenance of our playgrounds and school buildings.

Family Voluntary Contributions will be open for payment via Compass in January 2026. Please find attached the breakdown for next year. You will have the ability to pay all at once or by instalments or contact the Business Manager to set up a payment plan.

All books/pens/pencils etc are being delivered in bulk to the school in late January and will be in classrooms ready for the school year.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anna-Marie Yelland
Principal

Nerida Crake
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>General Classroom Activities/Consumables including Literacy and Numeracy – Maths Equipment, Take Home Books and craft materials)</i> • <i>Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</i> • <i>Performing Arts – Musical Instruments</i> • <i>STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) – includes electronic components; supplies for experiments and craft materials</i> • <i>Sports – memberships</i> 	\$65.00
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Essential Assessment (Numeracy and Literacy), Nessy Mathletics/Mathseeds, Apps, Auslan, compass</i> 	\$151.00
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$96.00
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$6.50
<i>Wellbeing Resources Curriculum Materials</i>	\$40.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$21.50
<i>Library Fund</i>	\$50.00
<i>Student stationery</i>	\$85.00
<p><i>School grounds maintenance and improvements – these funds will be used to employ a maintenance handyman and assist with a wide range of maintenance of fixtures, fittings and maintenance of buildings, gardens and play spaces.</i></p> <p><i>SUGGESTED AMOUNTS FOR GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE:</i></p> <p><i>\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$200.00 \$500.00 OTHER</i></p>	\$
Tax deductible contributions	
<p>Building Fund. <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i></p> <p><i>SUGGESTED AMOUNTS FOR BUILDING CONTRIBUTIONS ARE:</i></p> <p><i>\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$200.00 \$500.00 OTHER</i></p>	\$
Total Amount	\$515.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ormond 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. For example, school photos, excursions, incursions, swimming and other events. These will be invoiced separately throughout the year and are **provided on a user-pays basis**.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Swimming Program including lessons, pool hire and transport costs</i>	TBA
<i>Year 6 Camp – (2025 COST \$305.00)</i>	TBA
<i>Year 5 Camp- (2025 COST \$380.50)</i>	TBA
<i>Year 4 Camp – (2025 COST \$390.00)</i>	TBA
<i>Year 3 Camp - (2025 COST \$118.50)</i>	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Financial Support for Families

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

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Resources:

[CSEF Financial Assistance Information for Parents](#) can be found on the school website or available from the school office. [CSEF Application Form](#) can be found on the school website or available from the school office.

- **State Schools' Relief**

You will get help with school uniforms if your child is starting Foundation and is eligible for CSEF (see above). State Schools' Relief will provide basic uniform items or a voucher if your student meets the criteria.

Help may also be available if you are facing:

Health issues resulting in serious financial difficulty; house fires where school clothing is lost; natural disasters, or serious financial difficulty.

Resources:

[Department of Health & Education Website \(DET\)](#)

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

- Helen Taylor Business Manager on 9578 1327 or email ormond.ps@education.vic.gov.au to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status is strictly confidential.

Payment methods

Family invoices will be open for payment end of January 2026 for payment via Compass.

Please note that as of 1st January 2022 it will no longer be a Department of Education & Training requirement to issue school receipts if you pay parent contributions via Compass. Receipts will still be issued for any parent contributions paid at the office and Tax deductible receipts for donations made to the Building Fund.

It is the school's preference that all payments are made via the Compass Parent Portal as you will be able to complete all annual school agreements required at the same time. Compass accepts Visa Debit and Credit cards.

The automatic option for Payment Plans on Compass is no longer available. If you wish to pay your parent payments via instalments please contact Helen Taylor Business Manager on 9578 1327 or ormond.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Manual payments can be made at the office by credit card or EFTPOS. If you choose this option you must still access Compass to complete the annual school agreements. Manual payments will not be accepted over the phone or by writing credit card details on the bottom of the payment slip.

Donations to the Building Fund are tax deductible and a separate tax deductible receipt will be issued via compass.

DET Payment Policy *Refer to Appendix 'A' for detailed information*

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please read the one page overview attached – 'DET – Parent Payments Policy'. Or visit our school website for the complete DET parent payment policy

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.

APPENDIX A - PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

	<p>FREE INSTRUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 						
	<p>PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS</p> <p>Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="407 709 1409 1104"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="407 709 740 772">Curriculum Contributions</th> <th data-bbox="740 709 1073 772">Other Contributions</th> <th data-bbox="1073 709 1409 772">Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="407 772 740 1104"> Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. </td> <td data-bbox="740 772 1073 1104"> Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives. </td> <td data-bbox="1073 772 1409 1104"> 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. </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices). 	Curriculum Contributions	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.
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	<p>FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 						
	<p>SCHOOL PROCESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 						