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Dear parent/guardian,

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

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. 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Adam Burbidge

Principal

Jackie Ciszewski

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate		
in, to access the Curriculum – School supplies all items listed in this category.		
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment		
 Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper 		
 Science – chemicals Mathematics – numeracy blocks 		
		English – book boxes
Sports – equipment		
Online subscriptions		
 Compass – School to incur costs 	Nil	
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Swimming and water safety program –	\$10.00	
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$15.00	
Whole school events		
Athletics carnival - entry and transport	\$7.00	
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$92.00	
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities — School Incurs	Amount	
cost		
School Sports Victoria affiliation	Nil	
Student wellbeing programs	Nil	
First aid equipment	Nil	
School grounds maintenance and improvements	Nil	
Total Other Contributions	NIL	

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

St Georges Road 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 will be advised throughout the year.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans 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: Sharon Wagstaff

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Total

Category	Totals
Excursions and Incursions	\$150.00
Total	\$150.00

Payment methods

BPAY, Cash or Cheque

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 Payments 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) 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.