



Dear parent/guardian,

Dromana Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Dromana 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 understand the financial pressures families face and are working hard to keep costs down. We carefully prioritise spending and explore alternative funding sources wherever possible.

We invite you to support our 2026 curriculum initiatives by making a voluntary contribution. Your generosity – no matter the amount – makes a meaningful difference and helps us to continue delivering the exceptional education Dromana Primary is known for.

Should you wish to contribute, the curriculum and other contributions are outlined on page 2.

Within our school, your support has allowed us to:

- Enrich our curriculum with a very extensive range of specialist subjects, including PE, the Arts (Performing and Visual), Japanese and Coding/Robotics
- Embed the Berry Street Educational Model and lunchtime clubs such as the choir, bike club and origami club
- Invest in class sets of books and readers that reflect the current interests and passions of our students
- Provide hands-on Numeracy resources that allow classroom teachers to deliver the program to the highest standard
- Offer a strong wellbeing program, supported by a number of external health and welfare providers
- Maintain and develop school grounds to offer a range of options for students to explore
- Invest in ICT resources
- Offer First Aid for all students

We deeply appreciate the many ways our community supports us – whether through fundraising, volunteering, or financial contributions. Your involvement helps us ignite curiosity and foster individual excellence in our children through genuine care and support, ensuring they continually thrive.

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

Yours sincerely,

Nick Davern
Acting Principal

Diana Crvenkovic
School Council President





Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 1 classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20.00) • Mathematics – hands on resources (\$10.00) • English – reading materials (\$10.00) • Sports – equipment (\$5.00)	\$45
Year 1 online subscriptions • Nessy (\$10) • Little Learners Love Literacy (\$5)	\$15
Year 1 ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$30
Year 1 printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$15
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$105
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$10
First aid equipment	\$10
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$35
Total Other Contributions	\$55
Total Suggested Curriculum & Other Contributions <i>Flexible payment plans are available for voluntary contributions and extra-curricular activities</i>	\$160 <i>Approximately \$3.90/week</i>





Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Champion Education for your child to individually own and use.

Orders may be completed online at www.champion.com.au, using the code specified on the attached booklist.

Guidance on how to submit orders and answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the school website at <https://dromanaps.vic.edu.au/parent-payments/>

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

Dromana 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 will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Year 1	Amount
Other optional excursions and events to be scheduled (<i>estimated: \$80 - \$110</i>)	TBA
Junior school athletics day (<i>estimated: \$10</i>)	TBA
Swimming lessons (<i>estimated: \$50 - \$60</i>)	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities <i>Where applicable, CSEF funds may be used toward the cost of these activities</i>	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Voluntary Contributions as well as Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Brooke Lawson

Ph: 03 5987 2367 | Email: brooke.lawson@education.vic.gov.au





Payment methods

Payments can be made through Compass using a debit or credit card. Instructions on how to complete this payment are attached. Alternatively, you can contact the office on (03) 5987 2367 to organise payment by cash, card or BPay.

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.



HOW TO MAKE A PARENT CONTRIBUTION

FOR APP USERS:



Tap on **'More'** at the bottom right of the app



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Complete your Contributions

Each contribution can be adjusted to an amount that suits your budget

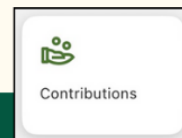
Choose your Payment Method

Select the card to be debited with the chosen amount

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Tap on **'Contributions'**



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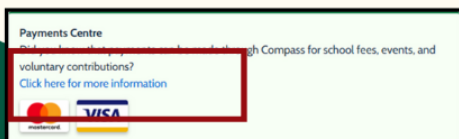
Choose your Payment Mode

Contributions can be paid in full or in regular instalments

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WEB BROWSER:

Click on the link under **'Payments Centre'**



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Complete your Contributions

Each contribution can be adjusted to an amount that suits your budget

Choose your Payment Method

Select the card to be debited with the chosen amount

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Under the **'Contributions'** heading, click on **2026 Parent Payments**

Choose your Payment Mode

Contributions can be paid in full or in regular instalments

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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.