

Dear Parents and Carers

Stevensville Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our school'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 this support has allowed us to provide an enriched learning and teaching program for every student and is valued by our school community. The commitment from parents to contribute, benefits students and results in improved achievement outcomes, wellbeing and engagement in learning. At Stevensville Primary School, we design and develop learning and teaching programs drawing on the best educational knowledge and practices and strive to offer broad and enriched opportunities to students that are above and beyond what is required in the standard curriculum and what is provided for by Government funding.

The support has also allowed us to continue to provide a differential curriculum that responds to the learning of all students, provide essential learning resources to students, renew and enhance the provision of digital technology throughout the school and improve assessment practices to ensure teaching is targeted to a student's next learning step.

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

Yours sincerely,

Leanne Keane
Principal

Leonie McCann
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year 1/2 Classroom Book pack	\$40.00
Year 1/2 ICT Devices – provision of an iPad for use across all school learning	\$75.00
<i>SUB TOTAL</i>	\$115.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$75.00
Total Amount	\$190.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Stevensville 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>Optional</i> Excursions, Incursions and Camps to be advised when they arise during the year.	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Stevensville Primary School staff understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF) funding - \$125.00 per child. This money can be used to help cover the costs of camps, excursions, incursions and or swimming.

CSEF applications are open from the first day of term one 2025. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

- State Schools Relief
- Schools Savings Bonus - \$400
- Payment Plans

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

Leanne Keane (Principal)

Ph: 03 9366 1381 | Email: stevensville.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods:

- EFTPOS
- BPAY
- Direct Credit
- Cash

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.

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.