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PARENT PAYMENT POLICY 2024

Dear Parents,

Goornong Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Please find the financial contributions schedule for 2024 on the following pages of this document.

The Contributions Schedule for the different year levels is colour-coded.	Grade Prep
	Grade One-Two
	Grade Three-Four
	Grade Five-Six

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 offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences, enhance access to digital technology & digital learning experiences and update curriculum resources and hands-on-materials to enhance student learning.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview on page 3, or visit [Parent Payments Policy](#).

Yours sincerely,

Jason Cox

Principal



Rachel Mill

School Council President

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PAYMENT METHODS

	<p>This is our preferred method of payment.</p> <p>The school will provide you with a unique BPay reference on your statement at the beginning of the year.</p>
	<p>Eftpos is available at the reception desk on Jacinta’s work days only – Tues & Wed.</p>
<p>Cash</p>	<p>Parents are welcome to pay cash. The correct amount is appreciated.</p>
<p>Cheque</p>	<p>Please make cheques payable to Goornong Primary School.</p>

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Goornong 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).
- Flexible payment arrangements and financial assistance programs.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the school principal, Jason Cox, on 5432 2236.

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 Departments Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, the 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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE – GRADE PREP

<u>GRADE PREP: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum.	
Consumables for Cooking Program (Ingredients used in the food students prepare and eat).	\$ 10
Materials for Art (Paper, paint, glue, craft items etc).	\$ 15
MARC Library Van Levy	\$ 22
Online Learning Subscriptions ▪ Essential Assessment (My Numeracy) and other online learning subscriptions.	\$ 10
Curriculum-Related Excursions (transport and entry). (Bus travel and entry fees for curriculum related excursions: Palmers Gym Program, Prep-Two Excursion, Cross Country and Cluster Science Day).	\$ 78
Curriculum Contributions TOTAL	\$ 135

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Other Contributions TOTAL	\$ 50

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End-of-Year Whole School Excursion	\$ 15
Swimming Program <i>Employment of AustSwim trained instructors to run Swim & Survive Schools Program, lifeguard and pool entry. (Term Four). In the past our school has been successful in gaining a Sporting Schools grant which provided a significant subsidy to the cost of the Swimming Program. We will pursue grant opportunities again in 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Extra-Curricular Contribution TOTAL	\$ 65

Grade Prep: Contributions Schedule	Due Date	Amount
Curriculum Contribution	Monday 29th January 2024.	\$ 135
Educational Items	Monday 29th January 2024.	\$ 50
Other Contributions	Thursday 28th March 2024.	\$ 50
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities	<i>At least one month prior to the date of the event. The school will notify families of this date.</i>	\$ 65
TOTAL		\$ 300

CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE – GRADE ONE-TWO

GRADE ONE-TWO: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum.	
Consumables for Cooking Program (Ingredients used in the food students prepare and eat).	\$ 10
Materials for Art (Paper, paint, glue, craft items etc).	\$ 15
MARC Library Van Levy	\$ 22
Online Learning Subscriptions ▪ Essential Assessment (My Numeracy) and other online learning subscriptions.	\$ 10
Curriculum-Related Excursions (Bus travel and entry fees for curriculum related excursions: Palmers Gym Program, Prep-Two Excursion, Cross Country, and Cluster Science Day).	\$ 78
Curriculum Contributions TOTAL	\$ 135

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Other Contributions TOTAL	\$ 50

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Extra-Curricular Contribution TOTAL	\$ 65

Grade One-Two: Contributions Schedule	Due Date	Amount
Curriculum Contribution	<i>Monday 29th January 2024.</i>	\$ 135
Educational Items	<i>Monday 29th January 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Other Contributions	<i>Thursday 28th March 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities	<i>At least one month prior to the date of the event. The school will notify families of this date.</i>	65
TOTAL		\$ 300

CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE – GRADE THREE-FOUR

GRADE THREE-FOUR: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum.	
Consumables for Cooking Program (Ingredients used in the food students prepare and eat).	\$ 10
Materials for Art (Paper, paint, glue, craft items etc).	\$ 15
MARC Library Van Levy	\$ 22
Online Learning Subscriptions ▪ Essential Assessment (My Numeracy) and other online learning subscriptions.	\$ 10
Curriculum-Related Excursions (Bus travel and entry fees for curriculum related excursions: Palmers Gym Program, Prep-Two Excursion, Cross Country, and Cluster Science Day).	\$ 78
Curriculum Contributions TOTAL	\$ 135

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Other Contributions TOTAL	\$ 50

GRADE THREE-FOUR: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES	Amount
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End-of-Year Whole School Excursion	\$ 15
Grade Three-Four Kookaburra Camp (Corop) <i>(cost to be confirmed closer to the date of the camp)</i>	Approx. \$ 200
Swimming Program <i>Employment of AustSwim trained instructors to run Swim & Survive Schools Program, lifeguard and pool entry. (Term Four). In the past our school has been successful in gaining a Sporting Schools grant which provided a significant subsidy to the cost of the Swimming Program. We will pursue grant opportunities again in 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities TOTAL	\$ 265

Grade Three-Four: Contributions Schedule	Due Date	Amount
Curriculum Contribution	<i>Monday 29th January 2024.</i>	\$ 135
Educational Items	<i>Monday 29th January 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Other Contributions	<i>Thursday 28th March 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities	<i>At least one month prior to the date of the event. The school will notify families of this date.</i>	\$ 265
TOTAL		\$ 500

CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE– GRADE FIVE-SIX

GRADE FIVE-SIX: CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS	Amount
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum.	
Consumables for Cooking Program (Ingredients used in the food students prepare and eat).	\$ 10
Materials for Art (Paper, paint, glue, craft items etc).	\$ 15
MARC Library Van Levy	\$ 22
Online Learning Subscriptions ▪ Essential Assessment (My Numeracy) and other online learning subscriptions.	\$ 10
Curriculum-Related Excursions (Bus travel and entry fees for curriculum related excursions: Palmers Gym Program, Prep-Two Excursion, Cross Country, and Cluster Science Day).	\$ 78
Essential Student Learning Items TOTAL	\$ 135

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For non-curriculum items and activities.	
Grounds Maintenance Levy <i>Please note that the Grounds Maintenance Levy is a voluntary levy to cover the cost of ground maintenance works needed over the year. If we did not have this Levy, each family would be rostered on and expected to do mowing and gardening etc. With this Levy we are able to employ someone to do this work.</i>	\$50
Other Contributions TOTAL	\$ 50


GRADE FIVE-SIX: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS & ACTIVITIES	Amount
Goornong 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 standard curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Possible extra-curricular activities include:	
End-of-Year Whole School Excursion	\$ 15
Grade Five-Six Anglesea Camp <i>(cost to be confirmed closer to the date of the camp)</i>	Approx. \$ 400
Swimming Program <i>Employment of AustSwim trained instructors to run Swim & Survive Schools Program, lifeguard and pool entry. (Term Four). In the past our school has been successful in gaining a Sporting Schools grant which provided a significant subsidy to the cost of the Swimming Program. We will pursue grant opportunities again in 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner	Approx. \$ 25pp
Grade 6 Leadership Excursion to Melbourne	Approx. \$ 55
Grade 6 T-Shirts	Approx. \$25ea
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities TOTAL	Grade 5: \$ 465 Grade 6: \$ 570

Grade Five-Six: Contributions Schedule	Due Date	Amount
Curriculum Contribution	<i>Monday 29th January 2024.</i>	\$ 135
Educational Items	<i>Monday 29th January 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Other Contributions	<i>Thursday 28th March 2024.</i>	\$ 50
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities	<i>At least one month prior to the date of the event. The school will notify families of this date.</i>	Grade 5: \$ 465 Grade 6: \$ 570
TOTAL		Grade 5: \$ 700 Grade 6: \$ 805

MONITORING & REVIEW

The school's Parent Payment Policy is reviewed annually by school council. In setting parent payments, school council endeavours to ensure:

- That payments are affordable for families.
- That the school is able to offer its students the best learning opportunities possible.

Date Reviewed	16.10.2023	
Approved By	School Council	
Approval Authority (Signature & Date)		
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Next Review Date	October 2024	