

January 2026

*Dear parent/guardian,*

*Christmas Hills Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Christmas Hills Primary School 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 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.*

*Within our school this support has allowed us to*

- Offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences which cater for the individual needs and interests of our students;
- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Inquiry, AUSLAN and HPE;
- Bush School Program;
- STEM;
- Provide quality equipment and coaching experiences as part of our Health Physical Education.
- Ensure the upkeep and provision of our 1:1 device program (iPads/laptops) which enhances learning opportunities;
- Ongoing grounds and building maintenance
- Support students social development through planned play experiences
- Support students emotional regulation through the provision of sensory spaces and equipment in all learning spaces
- Facilitate Literacy and Numeracy online digital subscriptions;
- Arrange for individual student supplies and class bulk supplies;
- Provide First Aid supplies and training to support the safety and wellbeing of our students;
- Support community groups with access to our school facilities.

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

*Yours sincerely,*

Maria Parks  
Principal

Jacqui Bell  
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><b>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom - pens, pencils, texta's, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers</li> <li>Art — paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beading</li> <li>Science/STEM — ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</li> <li>Mathematics numeracy blocks, calculators, text books, stationary, maths</li> <li>English — book boxes, class sets, novels, readers</li> <li>Sports — equipment, ribbons, materials</li> <li>Music instruments, books, pens, markers and folders</li> <li>Library — books, subscriptions</li> <li>Headsets</li> </ul>	\$180
<p><b>Online subscriptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Assessment</li> <li>Student parent communication tool – Sentral</li> </ul>	\$25
<p><b>ICT &amp; STEM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STEM equipment and devices</li> <li>Provision of iPads and devices from the shared classroom sets</li> </ul>	\$10
<p><b>First Aid</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-bacterial wipes, band aids, masks, tissues, sanitizer</li> </ul>	\$15
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$230</b>
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Bush School</i>	\$50
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$280</b>

### Financial Support for Families

*Christmas Hills 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: Maria Parks, Principal on 9730 1238

**Total**

Your details:	
Category	Totals
Student's Name:	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$
	\$

**Payment methods**

- Cash
- Direct debit from your debit or credit card (preferred method please)
- Eftpos

# 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.