



CHRISTMAS HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parent/guardian,

Christmas Hills Primary School is looking forward to another year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Christmas Hill's Primary School voluntary contribution for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. However, 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 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 PE;
- Provide quality equipment and coaching experiences as part of our Physical Education and interschool sports program;
- Ensure the upkeep and provision of our 1:1 device program (iPad/laptops) which enhance learning opportunities.
- Ongoing grounds and building maintenance.
- Support students' social development through planned play experiences
- Support students' emotional regulation through 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.
- Provide a stimulating and supportive working environment which enables us to retain a high quality and professional staff.
- Support community groups with access to our school facilities.
- Please find attached the revised format of our Voluntary Contribution Schedule which will remain at \$210.

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

Yours sincerely,

Marcelle Herrick

Acting Principal

Bronwyn Woods

School Council President

2023 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Prep – Year 6

Curriculum Contribution – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum throughout the year.	Amount \$9 (Per student)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Classroom – pens, pencils, Texta’s, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers. • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, wood beading • Science – STEM – ingredients, books, shared classroom materials • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, textbooks, stationary, maths kits • English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers. • Sports – equipment, ribbons, material • Music – instruments, books, pens, markers and folders • Library – books, subscriptions 	\$130
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Subscriptions • Essential Assessment • PAT – Maths & Reading • Student and parent communication tool - Sentral 	\$35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT & STEM – • STEM – equipment and devices • Provision of iPads and devices from shared classroom sets. 	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials.	\$15
Headsets	\$10
First Aid – anti bacterial wipes, band aids, masks, tissues, sanitizer	\$10
Total Amount	\$210
Bush School (please nominate an amount if you choose to support this program)	\$
Other optional excursions /camps/ activities to be advised as scheduled.	TBA
Total Amount	\$

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 to eligible Health Care Card holders
- Individual payment plans
- State schools' relief

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

Marcelle Herrick, 9730 1238 or Christmas.hills.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Your details:		
Student's name:	Year Level	\$
Curriculum Contribution		\$
Other contribution		\$
Extra – Curricular Items and Activities		\$ TBA
TOTAL		\$

Payment Methods

- Cash
- Direct debit from you debit or credit account
- Eftpos

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.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/guidance>