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**Dear Families,**

I hope you and your children are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning in 2026, at our school. I'd like to share some information about our Parent Payment arrangements, so everyone knows what to expect and feels fully supported.

All students receive free instruction and have access to everything they need for the Victorian Curriculum F–10. From time to time, we may invite families to make voluntary contributions that help us continue to offer great programs and resources.

Schools can ask for voluntary contributions in three areas:

- **Curriculum Contributions** – items and activities the school considers essential for learning.
- **Other Contributions** – voluntary support for broader school programs and improvements.
- **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** – optional, user-pays activities that enrich students' experiences.

We understand that circumstances can be different for every family. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please know we have supports in place to ensure every child can take part in all essential learning. You're always welcome to contact our Business Manager, Evelyn Dodgson, for a confidential and compassionate conversation.

All parent payment arrangements are approved by School Council and published on our school website to ensure everything is clear and transparent.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for everything you do to help make our school such a positive and welcoming community. If you have any questions at all, please reach out, we're here to help.

**Karen Bowker**

*Principal*  
**San Remo Primary School**

**Josh Thompson**

*School Council President*  
**San Remo Primary School**



<b>2026 Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Numeracy, Literacy, Specialist Supplies</i></li> </ul>	\$110
<i>Online subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Compass</i></li> <li><i>Decodable Readers Australia</i></li> <li><i>Essential Assessment</i></li> </ul>	\$60
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets (including laptops and Ipads)</i>	\$30
<i>Whole School Swimming and water safety program</i>	\$20
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$40
<i>Whole school events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Creative Arts/Performance</i></li> </ul>	\$20
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$280</b>

<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Incursions</i>	\$10
<i>Wellbeing Program</i>	\$10
<i>First Aid equipment</i>	\$10
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$10
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$40</b>



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

San Remo 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>Excursion and Camps to be scheduled</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$TBA</b>

**Financial Support for Families**

San Remo 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:

***Karen Bowker and Evelyn Dodgson***

***Principal and Business Manager***

[karen.bowker@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:karen.bowker@education.vic.gov.au) and [evelyn.dodgson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:evelyn.dodgson@education.vic.gov.au)

**Total**

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$280
Other Contributions <i>(Non-tax deductible)</i>	\$40
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 320</b>

**Payment methods**

- *Cash*
- *EFTPOS*
- *Via Compass – Instructions attached*
- *Direct deposit to the school’s bank account. Bendigo Bank 633 000 / 161124292*

**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.

# 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.