



DEER PARK WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO. 5032

**Empowered to Learn, Empowered to Grow,  
Empowered to Lead**

Quinn Street,  
Deer Park, Vic 3023  
Tel: 9363 3519

## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR 2024

30/10/2023

Dear parent/guardian,

Deer Park West Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of *Deer Park West Primary School's* voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 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 organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, music and physical education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Maths. Your financial contributions also support learning through the use of enhanced digital opportunities such as Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Seesaw.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Senka King*

*Principal*

*Fiona Balsillie*

*School Council President*



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<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<p><i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers etc.</li> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool, material, clay, beading etc.</li> <li>• Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, maths kits</li> <li>• English – book boxes, class sets, novels, readers</li> <li>• Physical Education &amp; Sport – ribbons, materials, equipment</li> <li>• Chinese – workbooks and shared classroom materials</li> <li>• Library – books, subscriptions</li> </ul>	\$90
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics</li> <li>• Reading Eggs</li> <li>• Seesaw</li> </ul>	\$35
<i>ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$10
<i>Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</i>	\$5
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$140</b>

***The total amount for parent contributions is \$140.***

***If paid by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 cash only, the discounted amount due will be \$130.***



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### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Deer Park West 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.

No payment is required for these items or activities at this time – permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout the year.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items &amp; Activities</b>
<i>Optional Grade 6 Polos &amp; Jackets</i>
<i>Optional Whole school photos</i>
<i>Optional Year 3-6 school camp</i>
<i>Optional swimming program</i>
<i>Optional Year 4-6 Interschool Sports program</i>
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled</i>

### **Financial Support for Families**

Deer Park West Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options for eligible families, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief

### **Payment methods**

- Cash
- Eftpos

### **Refunds**

Parent request 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 and any other relevant information.

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY 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.