

Parent Payment Contributions 2023 Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Strathmore North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Strathmore North Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023. The parent payment contributions for 2023 outlined below have been reviewed and endorsed by School Council and also meet the Department of Education and Training guidelines.

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 from our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and resources for all our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising contributions or volunteering your time to assist with student learning. This support definitely makes a huge difference to our school and the learning programs we can offer our students.

We always aim to provide high-quality classroom, specialist and school-wide programs as well as a range of extra-curricular activities. We also rely on the generous voluntary contributions made by our school families which assist in funding our learning programs and activities.

Within our school, your voluntary contributions for 2023 will assist in allowing students to have access to the resources needed to successfully run our learning programs and activities. This will include:

- Spelling books and materials
- Handwriting books for formation practice (Foundation to Year 4)
- Student diaries to develop their organisational skills (Years 4 to 6)
- Materials and equipment for specialist learning areas, including art, sport, Japanese, science and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
- Art materials and sports equipment
- Digital programs, including Lexia, Lexia Power Up, Mathletics and Essential Assessment
- The Resilience Project program materials
- Upgrade and purchase of classroom take home books and library books
- Enhanced digital learning resources, including the shared iPads and keyboards
- Upkeep of attractive learning spaces, including classroom furniture and school ground maintenance

Please note we no longer have book packs that are purchased and picked up from the office at a book pack day. In 2023 we will continue to streamline our process to make it easier for our school families, and all purchased 'general classroom materials' (outlined in Curriculum Contributions) will be delivered directly to classrooms and distributed by classroom teachers.

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

Yours sincerely,



Nicole Di Marco
School Principal



Ben Starick
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions Items for curriculum activities	Amount
<p>Classroom consumables, materials and equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General classroom materials (<i>previously known as Book Pack – see next page for more details</i>) – including exercise books, scrap books, scissors, pencils, pens, rulers, sharpeners, highlighters, colour pencils, graph books, paper and erasers (\$85) • Smart Words – including spelling and grammar program materials as well as individual workbooks (\$35) • Art – including paint, crayons, canvas, glitter and coloured paper (\$20) • Science and Technology – including experiment equipment (\$10) • Mathematics – including numeracy equipment (\$20) • English – including take home books (\$30) • Sports – including equipment (\$10) • Library books (\$20) • Other classroom consumables – including cover paper, coloured paper, school crafts and project materials (\$20) 	\$250
<p>Student wellbeing program – The Resilience Project program and student workbook</p>	\$20
<p>Digital subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lexia and Lexia Power-up - Whole school (\$17) • Mathletics - Foundation - Year 2 (\$19) <p>Digital programs are suitable for all students. They cater for and support student learning of the Victorian Curriculum. These programs can be accessed at home and school.</p>	\$36
<p>ICT (information and communications technology) resources – including Apps, internet, Wi-Fi, technical support, computer software, consumables as well as provision for school shared laptops and iPads.</p>	\$100
<p>Printing and photocopying – worksheets and learning materials.</p>	\$20
Other Contributions Items for non-curriculum activities	Amount
<p>First aid equipment</p>	\$10
<p>School improvement and purchase of major equipment and resources as well as ground maintenance and improvement.</p>	\$30
<p>Total</p>	\$466

General classroom materials for students to own

All purchased 'general classroom materials' will be delivered directly to classrooms and distributed by classroom teachers. If you would prefer to purchase the 'general classroom materials' independently, the below table lists the required materials for your child's year level. This will need to be labelled and delivered to the classroom at the start of the school year.

Foundation General Classroom Materials

Name	Unit	Qty
OSMER SOFT GRIP SCISSORS 135MM	EACH	1.
FABER-CASTELL JUNIOR TRIANGULAR COLOURED PENCILS WITH SHARPENER ASSORTED PACK 10	PACK 1	2.
TEXTA JUMBO ZOOM CRAYONS ASSORTED PACK 10	PACK 1	2.
FABER-CASTELL JUMBO GRIP TRIANGULAR GRAPHITE PENCIL 2B	EACH	10.
WHITEBOARD MARKER BULLET TIP RED	EACH	3.
WHITEBOARD MARKER BULLET TIP GREEN	EACH	3.
BOSTIK GLU STIK 35GM	EACH	5.
PICTOR HOME READING JOURNAL JUNIOR LEVEL 1 ISBN 9780645583403	EACH	1.
9781741250879 TARGETING HANDWRITING BOOK PREP	EACH	1.
PICTOR MEGA SPACEBUDDIES SCRAPBOOK 100GSM 64 PAGE 330 X 240MM	EACH	7.
PICTOR PREMIUM A4 64 PAGE EXERCISE BOOK 25MM RULED 70GSM GEMINI	EACH	5.
FACIAL TISSUES 2 PLY BOX 200	EACH	2.
PICTOR COLOURED A4 64 PAGE GROUND / GRASS / SKY EXERCISE BOOK A4 DOTTED THIRDS 24MM PISCES	EACH	2.
DOCUMENT WALLET A4 BUTTON CLEAR	EACH	4.
STAEDTLER 526 C20 SCHOOL ERASER LARGE	EACH	2.
PICTOR PREMIUM PROJECT BOOK PLAIN/ 24MM 335x245 DOTTED THIRDS 64PG ASTRO	EACH	2.

Year 1 General Classroom Materials

Name	Unit	Qty
OSMER SOFT GRIP SCISSORS 135MM	EACH	2.
FABER-CASTELL JUMBO GRIP TRIANGULAR GRAPHITE PENCIL 2B	EACH	12.
PICTOR HOME READING JOURNAL JUNIOR LEVEL 1 ISBN 9780645583403	EACH	1.
PICTOR PREMIUM A4 48 PAGE EXERCISE BOOK 24MM DOTTED THIRDS 70GSM ROCKET	EACH	8.
TEXTA JUMBO ZOOM CRAYONS ASSORTED PACK 10	PACK 1	2.
PICTOR MEGA SPACEBUDDIES SCRAPBOOK 100GSM 64 PAGE 330 X 240MM	EACH	8.
BOSTIK GLU STIK 35GM	EACH	6.
9781741250886 TARGETING HANDWRITING BOOK ONE	EACH	1.
FACIAL TISSUES 2 PLY BOX 200	EACH	2.
HIGHLIGHTER CHISEL PINK	EACH	1.
HIGHLIGHTER CHISEL YELLOW	EACH	1.
WHITEBOARD MARKER BULLET TIP BLACK	EACH	1.
WHITEBOARD MARKER BULLET TIP BLUE	EACH	1.
WHITEBOARD MARKER BULLET TIP GREEN	EACH	1.
11155570 FABER-CASTELL CONNECTOR MARKER PEN ASSORTED WALLET 12	PACK 1	1.
STAEDTLER 526 C20 SCHOOL ERASER LARGE	EACH	2.
DOCUMENT WALLET A4 BUTTON CLEAR	EACH	2.
STAEDTLER 175 COLOURED PENCIL ASSORTED PACK 12	EACH	2.
METAL PENCIL SHARPENER 2 HOLE	EACH	2.
PICTOR COLOURED A4 64 PAGE GROUND / GRASS / SKY EXERCISE BOOK A4 DOTTED THIRDS 24MM PISCES	EACH	2.

Year 2 General Classroom Materials

Name	Unit	Qty
OSMER SOFT GRIP SCISSORS 135MM	EACH	1.
PICTOR HOME READING JOURNAL JUNIOR LEVEL 1 ISBN 9780645583403	EACH	1.
PICTOR PREMIUM EXERCISE BOOK DOTTED THIRDS 18MM 70GSM 48 PAGE A4	EACH	7.
MERCURY RULER WOODEN 300MM POLISHED	EACH	1.
TEXTA JUMBO ZOOM CRAYONS ASSORTED PACK 10	PACK 1	2.
PICTOR MEGA SPACEBUDDIES SCRAPBOOK 100GSM 64 PAGE 330 X 240MM	EACH	9.
BOSTIK GLU STIK 35GM	EACH	3.
FABER-CASTELL JUMBO GRIP TRIANGULAR GRAPHITE PENCIL 2B	EACH	15.
9781741250893 TARGETING HANDWRITING BOOK TWO	EACH	1.
FACIAL TISSUES 2 PLY BOX 200	EACH	2.
VCOP LITERACY HIGHLIGHTERS ASSTD COLOURS WLT4	EACH	1.
RED CHECKING PENCIL 3MM	EACH	2.
STAEDTLER 175 COLOURED PENCIL ASSORTED PACK 12	EACH	2.
WHITEBOARD MARKER BULLET TIP BLUE	EACH	3.
CANNISTER PENCIL SHARPENER 2-HOLE	EACH	1.
11155570 FABER-CASTELL CONNECTOR MARKER PEN ASSORTED WALLET 12	PACK 1	2.
STAEDTLER 526 C20 SCHOOL ERASER LARGE	EACH	2.
HIGHLIGHTER CHISEL YELLOW	EACH	1.
HIGHLIGHTER CHISEL GREEN	EACH	1.
HIGHLIGHTER CHISEL BLUE	EACH	1.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Strathmore North Primary School offers a range of items and activities, such as camps and excursions, that enhance or broaden the learning experience for students – they are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis and communicated to families as required.

Financial support for families

Strathmore North 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) provides a one-off payment of \$125 for eligible students to assist with payment for activities.
- State Schools’ relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase clothing and uniforms at a reduced rate.

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

- Business Manager: Tina Moody
- Telephone: 03 9379 6575
- Email: strathmore.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.

Total parent payment contribution 2023

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$426
Other Contributions	\$40

Payment options
Cash and EFTPOS – please contact the school office
Direct Bank Deposit into the school bank account BSB: 033-222 Account Number: 019453 Reference: please include child’s full name
Credit card – please contact the school office or return the attached slip
Compass – please see the Compass portal

Credit card payment

Please debit my (please tick): MasterCard Visa

Total amount \$ _____

Card number _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _

Expiry date ____ / ____ CVC: _____

Cardholder’s name _____

Signature _____

Student name/s _____

2023 year levels _____

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.