



Falls Creek Primary School

Parent Payment Arrangements

Dear Parent,

Falls Creek Primary School would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Falls Creek Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Financial Support for Families

Falls Creek Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty. If you need a confidential discussion about alternative payment arrangements please contact the school.

Payment Methods

Payments can be made by direct deposit to

Falls Creek Primary School
BSB 063 722
Account Number 10003397

Refunds

<http://www.fallscreekps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/RefundPolicy2018.pdf>

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one page overview at [Parent Payments: Policy | education.vic.gov.au](http://parentpayments.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

Helen Whittaker
Principal

Elise Armitage
President School Council



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Fee schedule

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
English student books	\$55
Maths student book	\$25
TOTAL	\$80

Optional Items

Falls Creek Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount
Cross Country Ski Program - Term 3 (<i>per child</i>)	\$220
TOTAL	\$220

Voluntary Contributions

Falls Creek Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per student	Amount
General Contribution (<i>per child</i>)	Yes	\$50	\$50
TOTAL			\$50

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount	\$80
Optional Items	Amount	\$220
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount	\$50
TOTAL		\$350



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The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.