



# Falls Creek Primary School

Dear parent/guardian,

Falls Creek Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Falls Creek Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes a big difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Helen Whittaker*  
Principal

*Tara Exelby*  
President School Council



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<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Student books (Maths and English)</i>	\$75.00
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<i>nil</i>	
<b>Total Amount payable by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Falls Creek Primary School offers Cross Country ski lessons in Term 3 each year. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
<i>Cross Country Ski Program – Term 3 (per child)</i>	\$ 180.00	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$ 180</b>

## Total

<b>Category</b>	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 75.00
Other Contributions	\$ 0.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ 180



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## Financial Support for Families

Falls Creek Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty.

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

Helen Whittaker, Principal

Ph: 03 5758 3311 | Email: [falls.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:falls.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## Payment methods

Payments can be made by direct deposit to

Falls Creek Primary School

BSB 063 722

Account Number 10003397

## 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.

# 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.