

Ashley Park Primary School

Dear Families

Ashley Park Primary School is looking forward to a great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the contribution schedule attached.

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

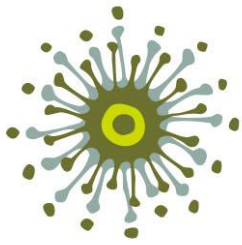
Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – This is a government provided payment that contributes towards the cost of camps, sports and excursions for eligible students. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for this \$125 payment at the beginning of each year (contact the office to apply).
- States School's Relief – This organisation may cover the cost of new school uniforms, shoes, books and more for disadvantaged students. State's School's Relief work directly on applications submitted by school's so please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss this option.
- Local Community supports.
- Second hand uniform (if available).

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

Tracey Jones Ph: 03 8776 0200 | Email: tracey.jones@education.vic.gov.au



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Payment Methods

- Payment by EFTPOS – at the office or over the phone (ph : 8776 0200)
- Payment by BPAY –
Biller Code 87361 Reference – Please contact the office
- Direct Deposit : Bendigo Bank
Ashley Park Primary School
BSB 633 000
Account 164 054 025
Reference : Your child's surname and first initial
- Payment by COMPASS – preferred

Refunds

Ashley Park Primary School will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see the one page overview.

Yours sincerely

Keren Barro
Principal

Clinton Fullgrave
School Council President

CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE : 2021

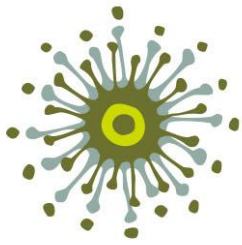
Ashley Park Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

These are items or services essential to support the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program that parents or guardians are requested to pay the school to provide or may provide themselves, if appropriate. These items include:

- Materials that the student takes possession of, including text books and student stationery (student book pack).
- Materials for learning and teaching where the student consumes or takes possession of the finished articles (e.g. cooking, art work, construction). Learning consumables for Creative Arts, Inquiry, STEAM and online subscriptions.
- School uniform.
- Transport and entrance for camps and excursions which all students are expected to attend.

At Ashley Park Primary School, each student is issued with an individual book pack containing stationery items relevant to their year level. These book packs are distributed by the teachers and remain at school. Items are replenished as necessary throughout the year. Using this method we are able to purchase items in large quantities and obtain high quality materials at competitive prices. In line with our policy, parent/guardians also have the option of purchasing equivalent materials contained in the student book pack from other sources. If parents/guardians choose to provide equivalent materials, this should be done in consultation with the school, as items should meet the specifications provided by the school. There may also be certain items that due to their nature may only be provided by the school. Learning consumables and online subscriptions are only available from the school.



Voluntary Contributions

Ashley Park Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a :-

1. General Voluntary Contribution - This goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Families may choose to make a donation of a non specific amount.

and/or a:-

2. Building Fund Voluntary Contribution – The School Building Fund will be exclusively for the purpose of providing money for the acquisition, construction, upgrade or maintenance of the existing buildings or enhancement of the school grounds. Families may choose to make a donation of a non specific amount. An official receipt will be issued for taxation purposes.

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.

Optional Items

These non-essential materials and services are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and are offered to all students. These optional extras are provided on a user-pays basis and if parents and guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them. At Ashley Park Primary School we do not include any of these in our annual Parent Payment Contributions.