

*Under the Department of Education and Training's* [*Parent Payments Policy*](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy)*, Victorian government schools are required to provide transparent information to their school community on voluntary parent contributions. Please find below our parent payment arrangements for 2024.*

Dear parent/guardian,

Red Cliffs East Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Red Cliffs East Primary School’s voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements. 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 continue to add to the physical school buildings and structures, as well as provide equipment vital in the running of our educational programs.

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

Yours sincerely,



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| **Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
| *Classroom consumables, materials & equipment** *Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper ($50)*
* *Science – materials for class ($15)*
* *Mathematics – manipulatives ($20)*
* *English – book boxes, books, folders ($20)*
* *Sports – equipment ($20)*
 | $*125* |
| *Online subscriptions** *COMPASS*
* *Essential Assessment*
 | $*20**$10* |
| *ICT devices (laptops and IPads) – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets* | $*20* |
| *Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials* | $*20* |
| **Total Curriculum Contributions** | **$195** |
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| **Other Contributions -** for non-curriculum items and activities | **Amount** |
| First aid equipment | $*15* |
| **Total Other Contributions** | **$*15*** |
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**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis**

Red Cliffs East Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

*The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.*

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| **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** | **Amount** |
| School camp  | TBA |
| Interschool sports program  | TBA |
| Excursion and Incursions to be scheduled | TBA |
| **Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** | **Costs will be advised at the time of the activity.** |

### Financial Support for Families

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

* the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
* State Schools Relief (SSR)
* Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

*Craig Warn*
Ph: 03 50241147 | Email: craig.warn@education.vic.gov.au

**Total**

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| Category | Totals |
| Curriculum Contributions | $195 |
| Other Contributions *(Non-tax deductible)* | $15 |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | To be advised |
| **Total (per student)** | **$210** |

### Payment methods

### Payment can be made directly through the school office during school operating hours 8.30am – 3.30pm)

* + - Direct transfer to school bank account:

 BSB: 033249

 Acc Number: 188361.

**parent PAYMENTS policy**

**ONE PAGE OVERVIEW**

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|  | 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
* Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.
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|  | PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTSSchools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

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| Curriculum ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. | Other ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school’s functions and objectives. | Extra-Curricular Items and ActivitiesItems 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).
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|  | 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.
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|  | 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.
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