



# Seaford North Primary School

## Parent Payment Policy

15/10/20

Dear Parents / Carers,

Seaford North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Seaford North Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the Fee Schedule for students in Foundation to Year 6 attached.

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

Seaford North Primary School Council will annually review parent payments requested to ensure they are in line with Department of Education & Training guidelines. Charges will be clearly itemised, costed and categorised as Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items or Voluntary Contributions.

Parent contribution requests will be made in line with the principles of educational value, access, equity and inclusion, affordability, engagement and support, respect and confidentiality, transparency and accountability.

Parent contributions will be requested to assist the school in providing an enhanced teaching and learning program for every student, in line with the school's priorities.

### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES**

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

- Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding (CSEF) which will be available to eligible parents/carers
- State Schools Relief which will be available to eligible students

Additionally, the school seeks suppliers of educational items who provide not only competitive prices, but also quality of product and service.

**REMINDER:** Please note 2021 Student Booklists have been outsourced to a supplier. Parents will be able to place their orders and pay for items on-line. Booklist items will be delivered directly to an address nominated by families.

### **CONSIDERATION OF HARDSHIP**

The school understands that families may experience financial difficulties or hardship at times and may be unable to meet full or part payments requested. Families are invited to contact the Business Manager to enter into a confidential Payment Plan.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements contact the School Principal, Lee Murnane on 03 9786 5674, or email [seaford.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:seaford.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### **PAYMENT METHODS**

Parents will be provided with early notification of annual payment requests (a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the end of the previous school year). Reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year (i.e. excursions, incursions, camps).

Parents will be permitted to make payments in instalments and be provided with several methods of payment, such as EFTPOS (contact school) and Compass Payment Facility.

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

Yours sincerely

Lee Murnane  
Principal

Scott Boreham  
School Council President

## Fee Schedule – Foundation to Year 6

Please see below the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child.

Seaford North Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items (per student)

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount	Foundation to Year 2	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6
Art Consumables	\$27	\$27	\$27	\$27
Mathletics On-Line License	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12
The Resilience Project Workbook	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19
Literacy: Sunshine On-Line License	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2
Literacy: Pearson On-Line Resources <b>Years Foundation, 1 &amp; 2 only</b>	\$7	\$7		
Maths Mate On-Line License <b>Years 5 &amp; 6 ONLY</b>	\$7			\$7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$67</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$67</b>

### Optional Items

Seaford North 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 Items	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021 <b>The cost of these excursions will be determined individually and advised throughout the year.</b>	<i>Cost to be advised</i>
<b>ICT AND COMPUTER UPDATES</b> Your contribution for the payment amount listed is greatly appreciated. SNPS has leasing agreements in place for ICT equipment, including, student laptops, interactive panels and touch screen interactive T.V.'s. Our ICT equipment is constantly reviewed and updated to ensure that we have the best possible technology for our students to use. This contribution reflects the minimum requirement which will enable students to have access to high quality learning technology at school.	\$50
<b>2021 Student Diary - Years 5 &amp; 6 only</b>	\$7
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS MAINTENANCE (per family)</b> Used for the maintenance of outdoor equipment, improvements to grounds and school buildings, the upkeep of the Animal Palace, and the employment of a gardener.  (We have one of the largest school sites in the State which is expensive to maintain.) The payment of <b>\$25 is a 'per family' charge.</b>	\$25
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

## Voluntary Contributions

Seaford North 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.

<b>Voluntary Contribution/s</b>				
<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION (per student)</b>				
School Council Voluntary Contribution				
Used to purchase library resources, major equipment and other technology, science, sport and technology equipment, indoor and outdoor furniture, air conditioning.				
<i>Voluntary Contribution</i>	<i>Tax Deductible?</i>		<i>Suggested Amount</i>	<i>Amount Paying \$</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Child</i>	Yes		\$75	
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Child</i>	Yes		\$65	
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Child</i>	Yes		\$55	
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Child</i>	Yes		\$45	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$</b>

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.

<b>Parent Payment Charges:</b> <b>Essential Student Learning Items (per student)</b>	
<b>Foundation to Year 2</b>	<b>\$67.00</b>
<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>\$67.00</b>
<b>Optional Items:</b>	
ICT and Computer Updates	<b>\$50.00</b>
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance (per family)	<b>\$25.00</b>
2021 Student Diary – <b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
<i>User pays system</i> - To be advised. Excursions / incursions throughout the year.	
<b>Voluntary Contribution:</b> Suggested amounts (as above) Families to nominate amount	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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