



# Seaford North Primary School

## Parent Payment Arrangement

Dear Parents and 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 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 is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Lee Murnane  
Principal

Justine Fletcher  
School Council President



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| <b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>  | <b>Amount</b> |
|--|---------------|
| Art Consumables  | \$27          |
| Mathletics On-Line License   | \$13          |
| Literacy: Sunshine On-Line License   | \$2           |
| Literacy: Pearson On-Line Resources<br><b>Years Foundation, 1 &amp; 2 ONLY</b>   | \$11          |
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| <b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>   | <b>Amount</b> |
| <p><b>ICT AND COMPUTER UPDATES</b></p> <p>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.</p> | \$50          |
| <p><b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b></p> <p>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.)</p>   | \$25          |
| <p><b>CLASSROOM CONTRIBUTIONS</b></p> <p>This contribution to non-consumable costs will support the provision of a program that enhances the standard curriculum. This includes ongoing reading material, musical instruments, sporting equipment and continual rebuilding of resources for all curriculum areas.</p>  | \$75          |
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### Educational items for students to own

**REMINDER:** Please note 2023 Student Booklists have been outsourced to a supplier. Parents are able to place their orders and pay for items on-line. Booklist items will be delivered directly to an address nominated by families.

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Seaford North Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities  | Amount | Purchase |
|--|--------|----------|
| <b>Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2023</b><br>The cost of these excursions will be determined individually and advised throughout the year. | TBA    |          |
| <b>Optional swimming program</b>   | TBA    |          |
| <b>The Resilience Project Workbook*</b>  | \$19   |          |
| <b>2023 Student Diary - Years 5 &amp; 6 ONLY</b>   | \$9    |          |
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### \*The Resilience Project Workbook

The Resilience Project was introduced to all SNPS Students in 2018. Their mission is to teach positive mental health strategies to children across Australia. This is achieved through delivering emotionally engaging programs to schools which provide the school community of teachers, students and parents with evidence based practical strategies to build resilience.

### Financial Support for Families

Seaford North 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 which will be available to eligible students

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Seaford North Primary School Front Office.



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### Total

| Category                              |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Curriculum Contributions              | \$ |
| Other Contributions                   | \$ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | \$ |

### Payment methods

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

### 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.