



# Harvest Home Primary School

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Dear parent/guardian,

Harvest Home Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Harvest Home Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to:

- Offer a wide range of curriculum learning areas, specialist subjects and a variety of differentiated learning experiences for all students across all year levels.
- Purchase a range of digital technology devices and musical equipment to support student engagement such as Chromebook, iPads, Apple TVs, digital cameras, recording equipment and instruments.
- Purchase a range of equipment to support the specialist subject learning areas such as sporting equipment, Art supplies, STEM materials and equipment, AUSLAN language resources.
- Development and construction of outdoor structures and learning spaces with a range of outdoor furniture options.
- Refurbishment of school grounds including artificial grass and play spaces.

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

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Bouzikas  
Principal

Rebecca Bullock  
School Council President



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><b>Prep to Year 6</b> - Community consumables, materials &amp; equipment for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Literacy and Numeracy</li><li>• School Wide Positive Behaviour</li><li>• Inquiry Learning</li><li>• Specialist Learning Areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Arts</li><li>○ Sport / Physical Education</li><li>○ Languages (AUSLAN)</li><li>○ STEM</li><li>○ Digital Technologies</li></ul></li></ul> <p>These consumables, materials and equipment will enable your child to participate in the community and learn the essential curriculum as guided by Harvest Home PS.</p>	\$80.00
ICT – Digital Learning Resources	\$60.00
Stationary & Book Pack	\$70.00
<b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>

## Educational items for students to own.

The booklist items will be purchased by the school. This includes all stationery that your child requires for the school year. Once payment is received the community teacher will distribute book pack items to your child.

*If you require a list of these items, please come to the office*

## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Harvest Home 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
Optional Year 1 excursions and incursions to be scheduled	\$TBA
<b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$TBA</b>



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## Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund for eligible students
- State Schools' Relief provides financial support for eligible families.

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

Harvest Home Primary School Ph: 03 8468 9000 Email: harvest.home.ps@education.vic.gov.au

## Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions & ICT Digital Resources	\$140.00
Stationary & Book Pack	\$ 70.00
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

## Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Harvest Home Primary School.

*Payments are to be made via the Compass Parent Portal App*

*Payments can be made from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

*and then from 22nd January 2026.*

*Book packs will be distributed to the child via the classroom teacher once payment is received.*

## 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.