



AURORA SCHOOL

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Dear parent/guardian,

Aurora is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

We will not be requesting curriculum contributions payments in 2022.

Families are welcome to make tax deductible donations to Aurora School.

Our School Council is proud of the excellent quality of our programs and resources available for our children and families to enjoy. Each year Aurora parents show positive support for the school through parent payments, fundraising and donations. Your support has led to the provision of outstanding resources, programs, play groups and family groups.

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 children.

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

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Main
Principal

Jayne Stedman
School Council President



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| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
|---|---------------|
| Classroom and Activity consumables, materials & equipment | nil |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | Amount |
| | nil |
| Tax deductible contributions | |
| A tax-deductible contribution to Aurora School to support Early Intervention and Early Education programs, Outreach groups, and maintenance of school infrastructure. | \$ |

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Aurora 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 |
|--|---------------|
| Other optional excursions to be scheduled | TBA |
| School photos | TBA |
| Auslan Classes (Aurora Community) | \$40 per term |

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State School Relief (financial support for uniforms).

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, please contact, Vicki Main.

Payment methods

Payments can be made either by cash, EFTPOS, BPay or direct deposit.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Generally it is not possible to refund payments made for items purchased or costs incurred that have already been paid to a third party.

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.