



OBERON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Parent Payment Arrangements for 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oberon Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Oberon's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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 allows us to contribute to the wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences such as: **fitness, gr8 groups, tabloid sports days, language, music, dance, enhanced digital learning opportunities such as providing students with iPads and notebooks, the upgrade and maintenance of our school, contributing to the fit out of the new build, resourcing our school library and classroom libraries (e.g decodable texts) to just name a few.**

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

Oberon Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Our book packs are very economical and allow all of the children to have identical and correct items of appropriate quality. This is very important for consistency across the grade.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) if you hold a Centrelink card
- making alternative arrangements for families experiencing hardship such as a parent payment plans
- State Schools Relief (may cover the cost of new school uniform, shoes, books and more for students facing hardship)
- DET scholarships (parents may apply for these on the DET website, www.education.vic.gov.au and searching for student scholarships)

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

Stu McCoombe on 5243 1613 | Email: oberon.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Please note: Forward payments for larger costs such as swimming, excursions and camps can be made in advance via payment plans or regular BPAY contributions. Please see our Office Staff to discuss this further.

Payment Methods

Oberon Primary School accepts the following payment methods:

- BPAY (contact the school for your BPAY details),
- Cash
- Cheque (Payable to Oberon Primary School Council)

BPAY payments are welcome anytime and the attached form can be sent to the school office with your child or emailed to the school email account, oberon.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Cash and Cheque payments for fees and book packs can be made at the school office.

Please Note: Book Packs will remain at school to limit the number of people coming into the school and items being taken to and from.

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.

Items to be brought from home

Please bring these on the first day of school:

- Long sleeved art smock
- Library book bag
- Navy blue broad-brimmed school hat
- Box of tissues

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

Yours sincerely,

Stu McCoombe

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Principal

School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE

Please find the list of **Curriculum Contributions**, **Other Contributions** and **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** for your child.

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Book Pack	
<i>(Depending on your student's year level they will receive the appropriate items from the below list)</i>	
KLUWELL HOME READING LOG/DIARY	
MEGA SCRAPBOOKS	
MINI SCRAPBOOKS	
BOSTIK GLU STIK	
HB GREY LEAD PENCILS	
COLOURED PENCILS	
TEXTAS	
SOUND WAVES STUDENT BOOK	
SCHOOL SCISSORS	
KIDS HEADPHONES BLUE	
TAKE HOME SATCHEL (PREP)	
BOOK TUB (PREP)	
DISPLAY BOOK (PREP-2)	
PROJET BOOK (PREP-2)	
WHITEBOARD MARKERS (PREP-4)	
SHARPENER (1-6)	
GRAPH BOOKS (3-6)	
FINELINER, HIGHLIGHTERS, PENS, RULER (5-6)	
PACKAGING	\$55
Resources and Materials	
1:1 iPad program. Contributing to equipping students with an iPad at school	\$30
Science materials (seeds, rubber bands, pots/tubs, paddle pop sticks etc.)	\$10
Online digital learning subscriptions: Sunshine Online Reading Eggs Mathletics	\$10
Classroom consumables (counting beads, rope/string, potting mix, clay, flash card paper, etc.)	\$20
Consumables for cooking (used within gr8 groups and classroom activities)	\$10
Consumables for classroom art materials (paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, etc.)	\$20
Online platforms - Seesaw / Compass / Skool Bag	\$20
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Sports equipment (tabloid sports days, fitness, lightning premierships, etc.)	\$15
	\$155
TOTAL	\$210

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Oberon 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
Camps as scheduled throughout 2022. The cost of these will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised (approx. \$300)
Incursions and excursions as scheduled throughout 2022. The cost of these will be advised throughout the year.	To be advised
Summer/Winter Lightning Premierships, Cross Country	To be advised (approx. \$6 EACH)
Whole School Swimming Program	To be advised (approx. \$60)

Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities

Please see below list of other contributions and suggested amounts that will go towards our school's important priorities for 2022 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Other Contributions	Amount
School grounds maintenance and other programs (update playground equipment, garden program, etc.)	\$10
Student wellbeing programs	\$10
Library updates and books	\$10
	TOTAL
	\$ 30

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.

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.



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Please complete this form and return to the school office along with payment, either in person or via email at oberon.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Student/s Name _____

Parent/s Name _____

Parent Payments

Curriculum Contributions (\$210 per student)	Amount	\$ _____
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (TBA)	Amount	\$ _____ 0.00
Other Contributions (suggested \$30)	Amount	\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

- BPAY Receipt # _____
- Cash
- Cheque (made out to Oberon Primary School Council)

OFFICE ONLY

Payment Received

Date _____ Received by _____

Payment Method BPAY CASH CHQ Amount Received \$ _____

Receipt given to family Entered on CASES Charge Created Allocated