



Oberon Primary School

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Parent Payment Arrangements for 2024

Dear parent/guardian,

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 2024.

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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to contribute to the wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences such as:

- **enhanced digital learning opportunities such as providing students with iPads, notebooks and apple TVs within the classrooms**
- **the upgrade and maintenance of our school**
- **resourcing our school library and classroom libraries (e.g decodable texts, updated literature)**
- **classroom resources and consumables to support everyday learning**
- **fitness, tabloid sports and cultural days**
- **language, music and dance, to name a few.**

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

Yours sincerely,

Stuart McCoombe

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Principal

Rebekah Wybar

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School Council President

Curriculum Contributions Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay, etc. (\$15) ● STEM - consumables (\$10) ● Science – chemicals, seeds, rubber bands, plastic cups, etc. (\$10) ● Library – library books and updates (\$5) ● Mathematics – numeracy blocks, counters, rope/string, flash cards, etc. (\$10) ● English – book boxes, decodable texts, classroom library resources, etc. (\$20) ● Sports – equipment (\$20) 	\$90
Online subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seesaw (Now Free!) ● Compass (\$21) ● Essential Assessment (\$8) ● Sunshine online (\$1) 	\$30
ICT devices and learning apps (iPads and Notebooks) - provision of devices for shared classroom sets (we are fortunate enough that Oberon Primary School co-contributes to each iPad across the school which allows this cost to be kept to a minimum per student!)	\$40
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$30
Book Pack Oberon Primary School purchases book packs in bulk and provides these to students. This allows us to get an affordable price and ensures that all children have identical and correct items of appropriate quality. This is very important for consistency across the grade. We invite you to contribute to this cost.	\$70
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$260.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$5
Student wellbeing programs	\$5
First aid equipment	\$5
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
Provision of whole school priorities for 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrade to classroom flooring - Upgrade to classroom furniture - Shade sail area - Upgrade of play spaces and outdoor learning areas 	Suggested \$20 - \$100
<i>*While we have listed a suggested amount, any and all extra contributions are greatly appreciated</i>	
Total Other Contributions	\$35.00
Total (with suggested amount for provision of whole school priorities and programs for 2023)	\$55 - \$135

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis.

Oberon Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the curriculum.

The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
School camps	To be advised (approx. \$320)
Swimming and water safety program	To be advised (approx. \$50)
Summer/Winter Lightning Premierships, Cross Country	To be advised (approx. \$6 each)
Incursions and Excursions to be scheduled throughout the year	To be advised
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$260.00
Other Contributions <i>Non-curriculum items and activities</i>	\$35.00
Provision of whole school priorities for 2023	Suggested amount \$20.00 - \$100.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$0.00 (to be advised throughout the year)
Total per student	\$295.00
Total per student (with suggested amount for provision of whole school priorities for 2023)	\$315.00 - \$395.00

Financial Support for Families

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

- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) if you hold a Centrelink card
- State Schools Relief (SSR) – 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, <https://www.vic.gov.au/student-scholarships>)
- Second hand uniform

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

Stuart McCoombe
Principal

Kirsty Duynhoven
Business Manager

Ph: 03 5243 1613

Email: oberon.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Oberon Primary School accepts the following payment methods:

- BPAY (contact the school for your family BPAY details)
- Cash
- Cheque (Payable to Oberon Primary School Council)
- Bank Transfer to the Schools bank account, details below;

Name: OBERON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

BSB: 063 504

ACC: 1009 3799

DESCRIPTION: 'Smith' Family Curic Contributions

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 Curriculum and Other Contributions can be made at the school office.

Please Note:

Book Packs will remain at school to limit the risk of misplacing items and will be in the student's classrooms ready for the beginning of the school year.

Forward payments for larger costs throughout the year such as swimming, camps, and excursions can be made in advance via payment plans or regular BPAY contributions. These can be drawn upon and used when needed. Please see our office staff to discuss this further.

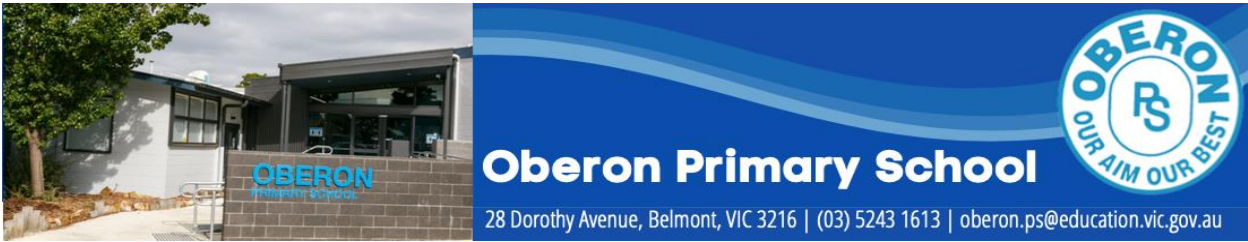
Refunds

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 Payments 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



This form **MUST** be completed and return to the school office along with payment (cash, CHQ, BANK TRANSFER or BPAY), either in person or via email at oberon.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Student/s Name _____

Parent/s Name _____

Parent Payments

Curriculum Contributions (\$260 per student)	Amount	\$ _____
Other Contributions (\$35 per student)	Amount	\$ _____
Provision of whole school priorities (suggested amount \$20 - \$100)	Amount	\$ _____
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (TBA)	Amount	\$ 0.00

TOTAL \$ _____

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

OFFICE ONLY

Payment Received Date _____ Received by _____

Payment Method BPAY CASH CHQ BANK TRANSFER

Amount Received \$ _____ Finalised on CASES21 _____

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.