

5th November 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ripplebrook Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2026. We would like to provide you with information regarding our voluntary financial contributions for the upcoming school year.

As always, schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to reassure you that all contributions are voluntary. That said, the continued support of our families plays a vital role in enhancing the educational experience we can offer our students. Whether its through voluntary financial contributions, fundraising efforts, or the generous donation of your time, your support makes a significant difference to our school community.

Thanks to your contributions in recent years, we have been able to:

- Update our Art equipment and programs
- Purchase new books for the Library
- Enhance our English and Mathematics resources

Your involvement directly supports the enrichment of your child's education and the overall learning environment at Ripplebrook Primary School.

For more details, on the Department's Parent Payments Policy see a one-page overview attached.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Kilpatrick
Principal



Jodie Wells
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Individual Student Materials (\$50.00)</i> • <i>Student Classroom Diary (\$10.00)</i> 	\$60.00
<i>Online subscriptions</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Essential Assessment (\$20.00)</i> • <i>Sound Waves (\$20.00)</i> 	\$40.00
<i>Swimming and water safety program (\$55.00)</i>	\$55.00
<i>Whole school events</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Small School Athletics – venue hire (\$10.00)</i> • <i>Japanese – Photocopying of worksheets & Learning Materials (\$5.00)</i> • <i>MARC Van - provision (\$40.00)</i> 	\$55.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$210.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$5.00
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$5.00
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$10.00
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$10.00
Total Other Contributions	\$30.00

Educational items for students to own

Ripplebrook Primary School buy the curriculum consumables in bulk to help keep the price down and all students receive the same items for their year level.

If you would like to purchase these items through a third party for your child, a list of these items can be collected from the office.

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

Ripplebrook 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
Year 6 – Polo T-Shirts (estimated \$55.00)	\$
Allambee School camp – (estimated \$350.00)	\$
Excursion & Incursions to be scheduled (estimated: \$30.00)	\$
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Financial Support for Families

Ripplebrook 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 (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

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

Amanda McLaughlin, Ph: 03 5627 6278 | Email: amanda.mclaughlin@education.vic.gov.au

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.

2026 FAMILY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Student Name: _____ **Year Level:** _____

Student Name: _____ **Year Level:** _____

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions – (\$210.00 per student)	\$
Other Contributions – (\$30.00 per student)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (T.B.A.)	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods - (Please tick) - *BPay – Biller Code:- 87361 Ref No:- (Your family ref number) / BSB: 063093-Account No:10003448*

Cash \$ _____ Eftpos \$ _____ Bpay \$ _____ Direct Deposit \$ _____

I authorise \$ _____ to be charged to my Visa/Mastercard.

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.

Signature: _____

Charges will be put on the family account once the school has received payment for the above contributions.