2026 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS YEAR FIVE

Dear Families,

Kingswood Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the 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.

Kingswood Primary School is committed to providing high quality programs and learning experiences for every child. Your contributions enable the school and its staff to provide a creative and inspiring educational program that extends beyond the standard curriculum. Whilst the school receives funding from the Department of Education (DET) for the delivery of the standard curriculum, this funding only covers the cost of the basic curriculum program which does not include the extra programs and resources that Kingswood Primary School is known for.

Without your continued financial support Kingswood Primary School may not be able to continue to offer the additional programs and resources that we are known for, such as, access to technology equipment, the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, Japanese Day, the Performing Arts program along with the additional quality resources and additional education supports just to name a few.

Payment Methods

Parents will be provided with notification of annual payment requests at the start of Term 4 each year. Reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year ie: excursions, incursions and camps.

Payment instalment options are available to all families at the school. You can choose to pay in 1 lump sum, 3 termly payments or 8 monthly payments. Please select the preferred option when processing payment through Compass.

The following payment methods are available:

- Compass, EFTPOS/Credit Card payments, Cash, Direct deposit

If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:
Catherine Palmer (Business Manager)
Ph: 03 9551 1727 | Email: catherine.palmer2@education.vic.gov.au

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.

Yours sincerely,

Aaron Cox

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Principal

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School Council President

Curriculum Contributions

Below is a list of items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.

Curriculum consumables, materials, equipment and activities	Amount
Individual Student stationery pack	$ 90.00
Student Diary	$ 10.00
Additional classroom resources and activities– includes but is not limited to exercise books, pens/pencils, cover paper, craft materials, laminating pouches, display folders, cooking ingredients, end of year class party/activity.	$ 30.00
Performing arts program – including dance workshops, puppetry, and live performances	$ 35.00
Japanese program resources including Japanese Cultural Day incursion with performers and activities	$ 20.00
Visual arts program resources-craft supplies – includes coloured paper, cover paper, cardboard, paint, glitter, glue, clay and other craft materials.	$ 15.00
SAKG program resources-cooking ingredients	$ 40.00
Science program resources	$ 10.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	$ 10.00
Maths – resources & equipment	$ 10.00
English – classroom library books and resources	$ 10.00
Elastik Online Program	$ 20.00
My Numeracy Program	$ 14.00
Limewize	$ 12.00
TOTAL	**$326.00**
BYOD Program (optional program/charged separately) ***Payment only required if you are retaining your current Chromebook and not purchasing a new Chromebook to participate in the BYOD program.***	$ 60.00

Financial Support for Families

Kingswood 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 – please arrange an appointment with Megan Franklyn, Assistant Principal to discuss options.
- Second hand uniform shop

Please contact the school on 9551 1727 for more information about accessing these services

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

Other Voluntary Contributions	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per student
Student Enrichment Contribution Your contribution will help support the cost of additional programs along with the purchase of resources such as technology that are above what is considered part of the basic provision of the school curriculum.	No	$150
Fundraising Contribution Your contribution will be utilised by the school to fund a project specifically for the benefit of the students. The current project is the resurfacing of the outdoor basketball courts.	No	$100
Library Fund – Used to purchase library books and resources Your contribution will assist with the purchasing of new books and resources for our library. $50 will ensure the library is equipped with high quality and current reading materials, however, any amount will be greatly appreciated.	Yes	$50
Building Fund – Used to upgrade buildings and facilities Your contribution will assist with maintaining our investment in school buildings. $100 will ensure we can continue to maintain and upgrade our facilities; however, any amount will be greatly appreciated.	Yes	$100

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Kingswood 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.

Most of these items/activities will be charged throughout the year. The table below will provide an example of the anticipated costs for these activities/items.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Camping program – Cave Hill Creek	$500
Water Safety Program	$ 20
Excursions/Incursions	$ 50
Sports activities - athletics, cross country, swimming carnival, sports gala days	$ 30
School Yearbook	$ 20
TOTAL	**$620**

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.