

PARENT PAYMENTS 2023: Seabrook Primary School

Seabrook Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Seabrook Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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, voluntary financial contributions, or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the many programs we can offer.

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

Within our school, this financial support has allowed us to provide the highest quality school resources, online subscriptions to support the learning program, hands-on learning and play equipment, and ICT services and infrastructure. While parents continue supporting the school, Seabrook Primary School is able to offer enhanced digital learning equipment and programs, and the highest quality of well-resourced programs and experiences to support the teaching and learning program. If you are in genuine financial hardship, payment plans will be an available option.

Our School Council will not be increasing the recommended financial contribution amount in 2023.

At the start of 2023, parents will be able to make payments using Compass.

The action centre will show the following amounts per student, which parents are able to alter according to individual circumstances:

Curriculum Contributions	\$325
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**These payments support inclusions such as:*

- *Materials and equipment used in specialist subjects: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, PE, Italian, STEM*
- *Classroom materials and resources*
- *Parent portal (Compass)*
- *IB PYP membership support (International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme)*
- *Student subscriptions such as Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Essential Assessment, BrainPop, SeeSaw*
- *ICT resources such as classroom audio-visual, networking and technological equipment*
- *Photocopying and printing*

Other Contributions (Grounds maintenance and improvements)	\$40
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**Recommended for one child per family only.*

Educational items for students to own

Stationary Items:

Parent are invited to purchase book packs from COS once available, or use the list to source student stationery directly from a preferred retailer. We have changed providers in response to parent feedback about shipping costs. COS provides an early-bird free shipping option, as well as capped maximums for families.

MacBook:

Seabrook Primary School recommends you purchase a MacBook for your child to use from Grade 3 onwards. Further details will be provided regarding recommended models that can be purchased through a portal with the third-party supplier, Beyond the Box.

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

Seabrook 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, as plans are finalised for incursions and excursions.

For Grade 3-6 students, there is typically also an Athletics Day (approx. \$10pp), a camp (typically \$300-\$500pp), and other special opportunities such as competitive sports – individually priced according to travel expenses.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- 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 the office on Ph: 03 9395 1758 | Email: seabrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Compass parent portal (VISA/MasterCard debit or credit card)

EFTPOS at front office

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.

Contributions Summary: Where funds are used

CATEGORY	TOTAL
Curriculum Contributions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Materials and equipment used in specialist subjects: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, PE, Italian, STEM- Classroom materials and resources- Parent portal (Compass)- IB PYP membership support (International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme)- Student subscriptions such as Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Essential Assessment, BrainPop, SeeSaw- ICT resources such as classroom audio-visual, networking and technological equipment- Photocopying and printing	\$325
Other Contributions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grounds maintenance and improvements	\$40
Total	\$365
Plus Extra-Curricular Items and Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- User-pays optional events such as camps, excursions, competitive sport	<i>TBD at the time of planning each event</i>

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.