

PARENT PAYMENTS 2026

Seabrook Primary School



Dear Seabrook Primary School families,

Our 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 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We want to thank you for your support 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 provide the highest quality resources; maintenance for our school grounds; and more regular servicing of our student amenities. While parents continue supporting the school, Seabrook Primary School can offer the best possible resources and services.

For further information, please refer to the Department's Parent Payments Policy ONE PAGE OVERVIEW.

Financial Support for families

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

- **Camps, Sports & Excursions fund (CSEF)** may be available to assist with costs associated with Camps and excursions for families who hold a valid, means-tested concession card. The CSEF is increasing to \$400 for primary school children in 2026.
- **Uniform support**, including second-hand uniform and supplier vouchers.
- **Unused SSB funds** assigned to your child/ren as part of the *one-off 2025 School Saving Bonus*.
- **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

At the start of 2026, parents will be able to make payments using Compass.

- 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.

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

Seabrook Primary School offers a range of opportunities that enhance the experience of students. The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year as events are finalised. We will be preferencing excursions over incursions, for students to have the opportunity to explore locations beyond the school. Additionally, for Grade 3-6 students, there is typically an Athletics Day (approx. \$10pp), a camp (typically \$360-\$480pp), and other special opportunities such as academic competitions and competitive sports – individually priced.

- **Prep – 2 students:** An estimated guide is \$50-\$100 per year.
- **Grade 3 – 5 students:** We try to ensure the total sum for does not extend much past \$400.
- **Grade 6 students:** Available experiences can reach around \$600 across a year due to interschool sports, a suitable camp, and graduation.

Educational items for students to own

The school *strongly recommends* you purchase selected stationery/book items from **COS Office Supplies** for your child to individually own and use.

Parents choosing to purchase any item elsewhere should ensure it is identical (brand, model, colour, etc). Some items are COS-branded. Please do not send alternatives to school for use. The book pack items have been carefully curated for seamless classroom use and longevity.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Our approach towards curriculum contributions and booklists is changing in 2026.

Curriculum Contributions are significantly **decreasing** from \$325pp (previous years) → \$95pp (2026).

Book packs (booklists) are significantly **increasing** due to the inclusion of new literature and textbooks, and higher quality stationery to optimise instruction time - such as higher quality whiteboard markers that last longer, do not smudge, and can be left uncapped for a time without needing to be discarded.

Device expectations are significantly **decreasing**. We are making changes to technology usage from 2026.

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment - General classroom: English, Mathematics, Humanities, Health \$30.00 - Italian – classroom consumables and materials \$3.00 - Physical Education – sport equipment \$3.00 - Performing Arts – resource materials and music equipment \$3.00 - Visual Arts – paint, paper, art/craft materials \$5.00 - STEM – consumables, resources, equipment (radio, robotics, etc.) \$12.00 - Science (new specialist subject in 2026) – materials, science equipment \$7.70	\$63.70
Student Online Subscription/s TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) & Numbots \$1.30	\$1.30
Student Printing Allocation Printing – individual student allocation through print management system (PaperCut). This does not include photocopied class materials. \$30.00	\$30.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$95.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
First aid equipment	\$8
Daily mid-school day servicing of student amenities (additional school-based spend on top of Department after-hours cleaning contract)	\$25
Compass Portal	\$12
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$40
Total Other Contributions	\$85.00

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$95.00
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$85.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (user-pays, optional events)	\$TBA per event
Educational items for students to own (COS booklists)	\$TBA per year level
(Payable in Compass from the start of 2026) TOTAL	\$180.00

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 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.