



2026 PARENT PAYMENT

Dear parent/guardian,

Somerville Rise Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Somerville Rise Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, 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 offer special curriculum experiences and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

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

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Jackson
Principal

Chris McLennan
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$20) • Science – chemicals (\$20) • Mathematics – numeracy blocks (\$20) • English – book boxes (\$20) • Sports – equipment (\$20)	\$100
Online subscriptions • Times Table Rockstars Program Year 3-6 (\$4) • Mathletics Year 1-6(\$17) • Storybox (\$3) • MAPPEN (\$17)	\$40
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$10
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$170

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Sports Victoria affiliation	\$10
Student wellbeing programs	\$10
First aid equipment	\$10
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$50
Total Other Contributions	\$80

Educational items for students to own

Families will receive further communication shortly with a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Office Corporate for your child to individually own and use.

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

Somerville Rise 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
<i>School magazine/ yearbook</i>	TBA
<i>School camp</i>	TBA
<i>Interschool sports program</i>	TBA
<i>Excursion to be scheduled</i>	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Financial Support for Families

Somerville Rise 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:

Elizabeth Bodley

Ph: 03 59778500 | Email: somerville.rise.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$170
Other Contributions (<i>Non-tax deductible</i>)	\$80
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$0
Total	\$

Payment methods

If you would like to contribute to the school directly, the following options are available to you:

- ✓ **Compass**
- ✓ **EFTPOS**
- ✓ **Phone Payment:** Simply call the school during business hours with your credit card details.
- ✓ **Cash**
- ✓ **Direct deposit:** BSB: 063 845
Account Number: 1000 7312
Reference: Type PP and then your child's name

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.

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.