



2021 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS



Dear Parents,

Somerville Rise Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule attached. Please complete this form and return to the school by Friday 27th November so the school can prepare accordingly.

2021 Parent Payment is required to be paid in full by 27th January 2021.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has revised the Parent Payment Policy to allow for greater transparency of costs for all Victorian schools. Changes include itemised stationery list, breakdown of Essential Student Learning Items and further breakdown of suggested Voluntary Contributions. This will allow families a greater opportunity to see how the parent payment enhances their child's school experience.

Somerville Rise Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Please note that you will not be required to collect your child's stationery pack from the school's office. Book Packs will be sent directly to your child's classroom once paid. Payment for your child's stationery items and essential items can be made any time before the commencement of the school year in 2021.

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 School Relief
- Parent Payment Plan

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

Payment Methods

Payments can be made either by:

- **EFTPOS**
- **Phone Payment:** Simply call the school during business hours with your credit card details.
- **Cash**
- **BPay:** Reference number as per statement – if unsure please contact the school office
- **Direct deposit: BSB: 063 845**

Account Number: 1000 7312

Reference: Type BL and then your child's name

Refunds

Refunds will be considered on case by case basis and if approved will be credited to the family account/statement for future use. Somerville Rise Primary School has the discretion to provide refunds to families and may do so where it is reasonable and fair, e.g. if the school has not incurred a cost. All Voluntary Contributions are non-refundable.

Payment can be made any time prior to the commencement of the 2021 school year. For further information please refer to the one page overview or alternatively visit the Department's Parent Payment Policy at,

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely,

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