

8th November 2023

Dear Families,

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2024 academic year at Auburn Primary School. We're advising you of our voluntary financial contributions for this year.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. However, your contributions are important as they strengthen our programs and enrich our learning environment above and beyond the standard provision.

Why your contributions matter:

- <u>Quality Education</u>: Our goal is to engage, challenge, and cater to each student's needs, focusing on literacy, numeracy skills, wellbeing, and personal development.
- <u>Specialist Programs</u>: We offer well-resourced programs such as Performing & Visual Arts, Physical Education, Mandarin, and the Kitchen Garden program supported by your contributions.
- <u>ICT Infrastructure</u>: We are improving our infrastructure, software, and equipment for better learning experiences for all grades, including the extension of school-managed devices.
- <u>Preserving our School</u>: Contributions help maintain the school library, heritage buildings, facilities, and grounds beyond what the government funding covers.

This year we have made some changes to parent payments:

- Extra-curricular Items & Activities have changed from a levy to PAYG. This means you will be asked to contribute for activities when they are scheduled.
- The Library Fund contribution has increased. This will be used to make a significant investment in updating ICT infrastructure.
- Our BYOD policy is changing as we are updating ICT infrastructure. The increase in the Library Fund covers the investment in more school managed devices across the school.

We deeply appreciate your generosity. Your continued support enables Auburn Primary School to provide a high-quality learning environment for all students.

Please review the attached contribution form at your earliest convenience. Let's make the next school year a terrific one together!

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

Yours sincerely

Tim Sawalaga Principal

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Attachment A: Parent Payments Foundation

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
 Foundation classroom consumables, materials & equipment General curriculum – home reader bag, art & craft supplies, materials, class sets and learning resources to support our schools high quality co-curricular and specialist programs. These include STEM, Visual & Performing Arts, PE, LOTE & Connect 	\$370
Foundation Online Subscriptions Mathletics \$15.00 & Literacy Planet \$15.00	\$30
Total Amount	\$400

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
	Amount
<i>First Aid & Student Welfare Support</i> – contributions will be used to support the provision of a quality First Aid Program & Student Welfare Support	\$50
<i>ICT Infrastructure & Specialist Support</i> – <i>supports the replacement and repair of equipment and the engagement of an ICT Specialist</i>	\$80
<i>Grounds</i> – contributions will support the increased cost to maintain the beautiful outdoor learning spaces of APS not covered by DET funding	\$50
Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested amount:	\$120
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases, information technology that directly support student learning and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. Suggested amount:	\$250
Total Amount	\$550

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

Auburn 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

These extra-curricular activities will be available throughout the year. Dates and times to be confirmed.

TOTAL 2024 Foundation	
Curriculum Contributions	\$400
Other Contributions	\$550
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (approx. \$100)	ТВА
Total Amount	\$950

Educational Items for Students to Own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion for your child to individually own and use.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Flexible Payment Plan for Extra Curricular Items and Activities
- State School Relief (SSR)
- Referral to government assistance programs & community organisations.
- Auburn Parents' Association second-hand uniform and school bag sales contact our Main Office on 9882 7035.

For a confidential discussion about accessing the range of support options, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Marianne Gonsalves Ph: 03 *9882 7035* | Email: <u>marianne.gonsalves@education.vic.gov.au</u>

Payment Methods

Our preferred payment method is through Compass. To make a payment via Compass, Go to the 'Organisation' tab, where the tab 'Course Confirmations/Payments' is located.

If you wish to pay by cash, EFTPOS or credit card, please complete Attachment A and bring to the Main Office. We would appreciate payment no later than 29th February, 2024.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds for excursions, camps and activities are subject to the discretion of the school and made in line with the Auburn Primary School Refund Policy. 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.



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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

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Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. **Contributions** Voluntary financial contributions for noncurriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Other

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.

Auburn Primary School





ALL ORDERS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE at <u>www.campion.com.au</u>

using "T6F4" as your code

by Friday 22nd December 2023

PREPACKAGED DELIVERY SERVICE

All orders must be Prepaid by Credit Card (MasterCard and Visa accepted)

DELIVERY ORDERS placed by the due date will be sent to your nominated address before 25th January 2024. Due to supply chain challenges, your delivery may arrive outside the original estimated delivery time frame.

Orders can still be placed after the due date by visiting our website or your Campion Retail Service Centre. Full stock availability cannot always be guaranteed for late orders



Your Retail Service Centre UNIT 1, 170-180 ROOKS ROAD NUNAWADING VIC 3131 Contact Us 1300433982 help@campion.com.au

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FOUNDATION							
STATIONERY PACK							
Please select carefully as this item is non refundable							
Option A Auburn Primary School Stationery Pack Foundation \$60 Retail Price: \$89.10 Cost Saving: \$29.10	.00 1 🗌	P76037					
Resource List Special Price: \$60.00							
Option B							
2 x Glue Stick 35gm Bostik \$8	.30 2 🗆	P55650					
8 x Pencil (HB) Junior Triangular Grip		P56173					
Pencils-Coloured 12's Tri-Grip \$4		P50781					
5 x Scrapbook 335x245mm 64 Page Megasaurus \$12 Bond	.00 5 🗌	P56448					
2 x Scrapbook 168x240mm 64 Page Minisaurus Bond. \$3	.80 6 🗌	P56447					
Sharpener Pencil Wave Double Hole \$2	.05 7 🗌	P51356					
Kluwell My Home Reading Yellow Level Junior \$5	.50 8 🗔	P16106					
Markers Triangular Grip Wallet 20 Assorted \$13	.95 9 🗖	P51152					
Exercise Book A4 48 Page 18mm \$1	.30 10 🗌	P55542					
Exercise Book WR 64 Page 24mm Dotted Thirds \$4 Ground, Grass, Sky	.75 11 🗌	P51684					
My School Scrapbook Yellow Half Page Baseline \$8	.90 12 🗌	P51813					
Victorian Targeting Handwriting Prep Student Book \$17	.95 13 🗌	P02848					
Add Your Order	•						
Value of Items Selected Plus Processing Charge - inc. GST Estimated Amount to Pay		\$7.95					

ITEM COUNT: Write the number of items selected.