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Curriculum Contributions and classroom supplies for 2026

Prep 2026 Backpack

Dear parent/guardian,

Meadow Heights Primary School is looking forward to teaching your child and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contribution for 2026 and the **option to purchase your child's book pack direct from the school at cost**. The school can purchase backpacks for your child's individual use and to own at a discounted rate and cost to families. The school can supply a list of items if you wish to purchase your child's own items independently. Backpacks can be collected from the school on January 27th and January 28th 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions for curriculum supplies are voluntary.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline Lucas - Principal

Phillip Perroni - School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Bookpack Items Each student will require a bookpack containing individual learning materials used daily in the classroom. These items support both core learning areas (such as Literacy and Numeracy) and specialist subjects (including Art, Music, STEM, and Physical Education). Bookpack items may include exercise books, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, coloured pencils, and other subject-specific materials. \$28 Additional Items: - School Hat (required for all outdoor activities) \$8 - Reader Bag (for take-home reading books) \$13 - Library Bag (for borrowing library books) \$13	\$ 62
Shared Classroom Supplies These contributions help cover the cost of shared classroom items such as art materials, stationery, tissues, and other consumables used by all students throughout the year. Contributions are voluntary but greatly appreciated, as they support a well-resourced and engaging learning environment.	\$45
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$107

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (Excursions and incursions)– provided on a user-pays basis

Meadow Heights 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
Swimming program (estimated: \$30)	\$TBA
Excursion to be scheduled (estimated: \$10-20 per incursion/excursion)	\$TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides financial assistance to eligible families to help cover the costs of school camps, sporting activities, excursions, and incursions. Parents or guardians who hold a valid concession or health care card are eligible to apply for CSEF. Please refer to the school website for the CSEF application form or contact the school office.

Financial Support for Families

Meadow Heights Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options. If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact the school office 9305 2033 and we will be happy to assist.

Payment methods

Opt 1: For EFT payments you will need to visit the school during office hours 9am to 4pm or call the office 9305 2033.

Opt 2: Direct to the school account – BSB:063 229 Account No. 10009188 using your child's name as the reference.

Opt 3: BPay – you will need to contact the school for reference.

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.