



Creswick Primary School

5th December, 2025

Dear Families,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill 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 implement and coordinate the best possible programs that enrich our teaching and learning programs. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of Art, Science and Physical Education equipment and resources. Your contributions also assist us to continue to provide an excellent range of facilities and resources for your children.

It is a DET requirement that we provide this information to you in Term 4 2025.

The total contribution amount for each student is \$200, however, if you have three children or more enrolled in the school, the third child (and any other further children) would be \$150. These contributions will be available to pay as a lump sum via Direct Deposit, Bpay or lump sum/payment plan via the office.

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

Yours sincerely,

Helen Romeril

Principal

Sophie Ellis

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum.	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials and equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Literacy materials such as class novels, home readers, big books and spelling books ● Maths materials such as dice, playing cards, counters and magnetic tools ● Art materials such as paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper ● Science equipment such as gardening tools, ingredients, construction materials ● Sports equipment such as balls, skipping ropes, beanbags, and racquets. ● Performing Arts Program 	\$110
Digital and Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Essential Assessment ● Compass Communication Platform 	\$20
ICT Devices - provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$20
Printing and photocopying of learning materials	\$20
Other Contributions	
First aid requests such as bandaids, ice packs, bandages,	\$10
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20
Total Curriculum and Other Contributions	
Foundation to Year 6 Student <i>Please note: It is \$200 per student, however, if you have three or more children enrolled in the school, third child (and any further children) would be \$150.</i>	\$200

Educational items for students to own

A booklist will be provided on Transition Day that lists items that the school recommends you purchase. You have two options for this in 2026, you can purchase from your own source or do an online order through Campion.

Please note that the line sizes specified in workbooks is very important as they align with year-level expectations.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Creswick 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Optional camps, excursions or incursions to be scheduled throughout 2026. The cost of these activities will be advised throughout the year and may differ for each year level.	TBA
Optional Swimming Program	\$60 TBA
Year 6 Graduation	TBA

Financial Support for Families

Creswick Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulties 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

If you are unable to make a full voluntary payment but would like to make a partial contribution, then this is also acceptable and appreciated in going towards resources for our students.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Helen Romeril (Principal) or Wendy Charry (Acting Business Manager) on 5345 2044 or creswick.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

- Direct Deposit: Creswick Primary School
BSB: 063 093
Account #: 1000 3114
- BPAY (Please see Family Statement for family reference number)
- Cash
- EFTPOS

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are 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.