

26/11/2020



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Southern Cross Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Southern Cross Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for 2021 attached. Please complete this form and return to the school so the school can prepare accordingly. **Payment is NOT due at this time.**

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

Financial Support for Families

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

- Second hand and low cost options e.g. school clothing pool, low cost suppliers
- CSEF
- Local community supports
- Payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Stacey Galloway, Business Manager on 03 9700 4488 or email: southern.cross.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods – Further instructions to come

- Compass (Preferred method)
- Eftpos or Cash payment at the Front Office
- Direct Deposit
- Monthly Payment Plan

The Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) is available for eligible families. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Application forms can be accessed [here](#) or request a copy from the Office. Parents who currently receive the CSEF and who remain eligible will automatically have their 2021 application processed by the School.

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

Yours sincerely,

Averil Nunn Principal

Jeff Khan School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Southern Cross Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

	Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Student Diary		\$7
Cooking ingredients	Includes: flour, eggs Etc.	\$2
Stationary Pack	See stationary list attached	\$40
Consumables for specialist subjects	Includes: paint, coloured paper, markers, crayons pencils, glue & writing books	\$11
Online Subscriptions	Seesaw	\$10
	Literacy Subscription	\$10
	Numeracy Subscription	\$10
	Essential Assessment	\$10
	TOTAL	<u>\$100.00</u>

Our School takes great care to minimise costs to parents by ordering in bulk, discounted stationary. However, families do have the option to purchase their own supplies. Please request a stationary shopping list from the Office and ensure that your pack is brought to the School prior to or on the 1st day of school, 2021. This cost includes Specialist Consumables, Online Subscriptions, Full descriptions of these items are included in the section above.

Optional Items

Southern Cross Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional Item	Amount
<i>Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021.</i>	<i>To be advised</i>

Voluntary Contributions

Southern Cross Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. If you are able to, one contribution per family for those with more than one child attending the school would be greatly appreciated.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax Deductible	Suggested Amount	Amount
<i>Your Nominated Contribution Per Child</i>			
Ground Maintenance	No	\$10	\$
Fundraising Contribution	No	\$10	\$
First Aid	No	\$10	\$
Health & Wellbeing Program <i>(incl. Student Health and wellbeing, Anti-bullying programs, Respectful relationships)</i>	No	\$20	\$
Digital Devices for Year 3-6	No	\$20	\$
Class Sets of Books and Stationary	No	\$10	\$
Learning Technologies	No	\$20	\$
Library Trust	Yes	\$10	\$
Building Fund	Yes	\$15	\$
<i>School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office</i>			
TOTAL		Prep – Year 2 \$105 Year 3 – Year 6 \$125	\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges Per Child			Amount
Student Name: _____			2021 Year:
Essential Student Learning Items	Prep – Year 6	\$100.00	\$100.00
Optional Items	Prep – Year 6	<i>To be advised</i>	-
Voluntary financial contribution	Prep – Year 2	\$105	\$
	Year 3 - Year 6	\$125	
TOTAL	Prep – Year 2	\$205.00	\$ _____
	Year 3 – Year 6	\$225.00	