



Camelot Rise Primary School

Where Legends Begin

Dear Parents,

At this time of the year, parents and guardians are asked to contribute student payments for the 2017 school year. We value you as a member of our community and the contributions you are making towards the success of Camelot Rise Primary School, and therefore your child's education.

Camelot Rise Primary School is absolutely committed to the achieving the highest educational opportunities for our students and the achievements and growth of the students would indicate that we are being successful. We are proud of the range of activities, quality of our educational program and the facilities we provide for our students at Camelot Rise Primary School. The Department of Education and Training provides funding to Camelot Rise Primary School for the standard curriculum program and facilities only. Our school receives the lowest possible level of funding based on our community's socio-economic profile. This results in a substantial shortfall between our level of government funding and the money needed to provide our curriculum and facilities. Your per child additional voluntary parent payments cover this shortfall. We keep these amounts as low as possible.

In 2016, thanks to the additional voluntary payments from families (particularly Curriculum Contribution, Technology Levy, Grounds Maintenance Levy and Building Fund, we have been able to:

- further develop our assessment processes in order to target and personalise learning more effectively for each child
- purchase classroom furniture which better supports targeted, 21st century learning and inquiry
- expand our level of technology available to students, including new iPads, netbooks and tablets
- develop our school grounds, inclusive of garden beds, new line marking and new security fencing around the school
- improvement of school buildings, including the refurbishment of the First Aid Room (sick bay) and office area

In 2017, with funds raised from the voluntary payments, our key aims will be to:

- build the writing program across our school to ensure that students continue to grow and achieve optimally
- furnish more classrooms in the upper areas of the school with pieces of furniture conducive to collaboration and effective ways of learning
- further build the technology for children so that they can choose the right piece of technology for the specific purpose as needed
- improve our playground and external spaces for the children, their families and broader community
- continue to refurbish the school office space so that it is a welcoming and inviting area for both the school community and visitors

Today you will receive the 2017 School Parent Payment information which have been developed in accordance with Department of Education guidelines. Should you have any further questions regarding this please do not hesitate to be in contact, or if you are having difficulty making payment, do not hesitate to give Kirrily or Helen a call.

Thank you for your current and ongoing support of Camelot Rise Primary School.

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2017 Parent Payments Explanation

The 2017 parent payments apply to all students at all year levels and is reviewed and set on an annual basis by School Council*. **For 2017 this is \$260 per student per annum (\$160 essential and \$100 curriculum contribution).** **Payment is required by Friday 3 February 2017** and may be made at any time from now via Compass, Bpay, Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS.

Payments made **in full before 3 February** will automatically receive an Early Bird discount of \$15 per student.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

Your child's **Essential Educational Resources (Book Bag)** includes supplies such as writing tools, general stationery and exercise books which is packaged up individually for each child.

- Students in Foundation to Level 2 do not have to collect Book Bags as they will be delivered straight to the classroom for use upon payment.
- Students in Levels 3 to 6 can choose to collect their supplies. They will be available at the school from Monday 30 January till Friday 3 February between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm or alternatively these can be sent straight to the classroom upon payment and at the request of parents.

Essential Educational Resources (Book Bag)	Individual lists will be provided on request. Parents have the option of purchasing equivalent Essential Student Learning Items themselves, in consultation with the school	\$55
Art	Paints, paper, materials, wool, felt etc	\$19
ICT Software	Registration and site licences such as - Mangahigh, Sunshine Online and Reading Eggs which can be accessed and used at home.	\$24
Printing and photocopying	Printing and photocopying for essential education in lieu of purchasing individual books for specialist subjects	\$19
Other Essential Items	Paper, cardboard, specialist items, science consumables, technology consumables and extra stationery items (purchased in bulk) to top up student 's essential resources.	\$43

Excursion, Incursion and Activity Levy - \$90 per student

Throughout the year there will be excursions, incursions and other in-school activities linked to the curriculum. For the convenience of parents, we have combined all the costs associated with excursions, incursions and in-school activities into an annual cost of \$90.00 per student. Parents will receive a Compass notification or paper notice and permission form prior to the excursions.

Middle School Sport and Activity Levy (Level 3 and 4 students only) - \$15 per student

For the convenience of parents, we have combined all Middle School Interschool Sport and Activities costs into a single levy that covers the affiliation to the District and Victorian Sports Association plus the cost of buses to transport students to and from sporting venues and carnivals, and any costs associated with providing on-site activities. Parents and students will be advised of upcoming events and details as they arise throughout the year. Any other events that have selected teams will be handled individually.

The annual cost for this is \$15.00 per student. (Level 3 and 4 students only)

Senior Sport and Activity Levy (Level 5 and 6 students only) - \$85 per student

For the convenience of parents, we have combined all Senior Interschool Sport and Senior Activities costs into a single levy that covers the affiliation to the District and Victorian Sports Association plus the cost of buses to transport students to and from sporting venues and carnivals, and any costs associated with providing on-site activities. Parents and students will be advised of upcoming events and details as they arise throughout the year. Any other events that have selected teams will be handled individually.

The annual cost for this is \$80.00 per student. (Level 5 and 6 students only)

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

School Council prioritises the available finances to align against the School Strategic Plan and to assist in delivering teaching and learning programs for students.

A. Curriculum Contribution – per student

The Curriculum Contribution assists the school in obtaining other items, resources and classroom consumables to support a wider range of curriculum programs in the areas of English, Inquiry Learning, Science, PE and French.

B. Technology Levy – per student

The Technology Contribution assists with the cost of technology in the school – hardware, software, digital learning devices (ie interactive whiteboards, digital cameras, computers and tablets). This contribution also assists with the upkeep and upgrading of digital learning devices and audio visual equipment in the classrooms.

C. Grounds Maintenance Levy – per family

The funding that schools receive in its operating allocation provides for approximately one quarter of the funds needed to maintain the school grounds such as regular inspections of the shade sails and play equipment, the maintenance of playground equipment, soft fall mulch and the mowing of grounds.

Without your support we would not be able to adequately maintain the grounds for students. Tasks that can be undertaken during community working bees are limited within OHS regulations, and families are asked to make a contribution towards maintenance of the school grounds.

D. Building Fund – per family

Donations are tax deductible

Camelot Rise Primary School relies on the generosity of its community, through contributions and fundraising, to be able to provide the standard of education and quality of programs that your children deserve and our families expect.

Community raised funds enable our school to provide additional buildings maintenance and development to enhance our facilities. Projects such as the Hang Out Hub and learning spaces are only possible with the assistance and involvement of our community.

These funds are approved by the Australian Taxation Office and have specific governance rules.

We hope that all families will understand how important locally raised funds through the voluntary contributions are to our school.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

In addition to the above activities, there are some charges that are considered additional. Some of these charges are (but not limited to);

- School photographs
- Educational Competitions – French poetry, UNSW competitions
- Clubs - Chess, dance, drama,
- Year 6 Graduation activities

* CRPS School Council is responsible for developing and approving parent payments that are compliant with the Department's policy (see www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial for further information).