



# Camelot Rise Primary School

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Dear parent/guardian,

## **Curriculum Contributions for 2024 Year 1 and 2**

Camelot Rise Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum 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.

Within our school, your curriculum contributions have allowed us to provide students with enhanced digital learning opportunities and school improvements through:

- *the leasing and maintenance of new Digital Technologies and software*
- *the continued resourcing of the STEM learning centre and 'Green Room'*
- *replacement of and regular maintenance of the synthetic grass on the netball and basketball courts*
- *continually upgrading the reading material for all students*

Your financial support has also contributed to the purchasing of visual art resources, music and sporting equipment and are also able to offer the Bike Ed program, choir and lunchtime clubs. These activities all run alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs and are important in providing a balanced and whole education for your child.

We want to thank you for all your support in making these payments and for the additional support you provide whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Matthew Coney*  
*Principal*

*Kean Braybon*  
*School Council President*



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## Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use or participate in to access the Curriculum.

In a change from previous years, book packs can no longer be purchased from the school due to a revision of the Department of Education and Training Parent Payment Policy. Instead, it is recommended to purchase the book packs for your child to individually own and use direct from *Maxim Office Supplies*.

| Educational items for students to own – to be purchased through Maxim   |  |  |                              |       |       |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <p><i>Orders for Educational Items were placed in November 2023. If you are new to the school or missed ordering your child's book pack, please follow the link below. Where parents choose to have packs delivered to the home address or where orders are placed after 03/11/2023, a delivery fee will apply. <a href="http://www.Maxim.com.au">www.Maxim.com.au</a></i></p>  |  |  |                              |       |       |
| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in to access the Curriculum.  |  |  | Amount                       |       |       |
| <p><i>Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay</li> <li>• Performing Arts – equipment, musical instruments,</li> <li>• Sports – equipment, ribbons, association memberships</li> <li>• Classroom items - book boxes, class sets, novels, calculators</li> <li>• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</li> </ul> |  |  | \$120                        |       |       |
| <p><i>Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathletics</li> <li>• See Saw</li> <li>• Essential Assessment</li> <li>• Reading Eggs</li> <li>• PAT/ACER Assessments</li> <li>• Elastik</li> </ul>   |  |  | \$102                        |       |       |
| <p><i>ICT</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</li> <li>• STEM equipment, resources and devices</li> </ul>  |  |  | \$60                         |       |       |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities   |  |  | Amount                       |       |       |
| <i>School management System – Compass</i>   |  |  | \$15                         |       |       |
| <i>First aid</i>  |  |  | \$14                         |       |       |
| <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>  |  |  | \$50                         |       |       |
| <b>Sub-total</b>  |  |  | \$361                        |       |       |
| Other Contributions   |  |  | suggested amount             |       |       |
| <b>Building fund.</b> A <b>tax-deductible contribution</b> to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.  |  |  | \$50                         | \$100 | Other |
| <b>Total</b>  |  |  | <b>\$361 / \$411 / \$461</b> |       |       |



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## Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

No payment is required at this time. Permission/consent and payment requests will be published on Compass throughout the year.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities      |
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| <i>Optional swimming program</i>           |
| <i>Optional excursions to be scheduled</i> |
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## Financial Support for Families

Camelot Rise Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents and understands that some families may experience financial difficulty. There are a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payment for eligible students to attend camps, participate in sporting events and attend excursions.
- State Schools Relief
- Individual payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Assistant Principal: Ben Heys on 9803 5344 or Email: [benjamin.heids@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:benjamin.heids@education.vic.gov.au)

## Total

| Category                            |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| <i>Curriculum Contributions</i>     | \$ |
| <i>Other Contributions</i>          | \$ |
| <i>Tax deductible contributions</i> | \$ |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | \$ |



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## **Payment methods**

Parent contributions are essential to maintain the quality of the education we provide. Payment can be made via any of the methods below, or by calling the school office on 9803 5344 to discuss alternative methods.

- Compass / Compass Instalments
- EFTPOS – debit and credit
- Bpay
- Cash
- Individual payment plans – by arrangement

## **Refunds**

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and 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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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.