



# Camelot Rise Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **Curriculum Contributions for 2025**

### **Year 3 and Year 4**

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 2025.

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:

- *new playgrounds and cubbies for all students*
- *refurbishment / painting and maintenance of existing playgrounds*
- *split systems air conditioning and heating units installed in Units B and D*
- *the leasing and maintenance of new Digital Technologies and software*
- *STEM resources such as Drones, Speed Cameras and 3D Printer supplies*
- *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.

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>Please follow the link to purchase your book pack. Orders must be placed by Wednesday 1 January 2025 to ensure delivery to school in time for the start of the 2025 school year. Where parents choose to have packs delivered to the home address or where orders are placed after 1/1/2025 a delivery fee will apply. Please follow this link: <a href="http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au">http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au</a> access code: <b>CAMELOT</b></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>            Visual Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay            Performing Arts – equipment, musical instruments,            Sports – equipment, ribbons, association memberships            Classroom items - book boxes, class sets, novels, calculators            Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</p>	\$140		
Student Diary	\$10		
<p><i>Online Subscriptions</i>            Mathletics            See Saw            Essential Assessment</p>	PAT/ACER Assessments Elastik	\$90	
<p><i>ICT</i>            Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets            STEM equipment, resources and devices</p>	\$75		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$315	
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount		
School management System – Compass	\$18		
First aid	\$19		
School Sports Victoria & Waverley East Sports Association membership	\$15		
Class Solver	\$4		
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$70		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$126	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$441</b>	
Other Contributions	Suggested amount		
<p><b>Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</b></p>	\$50	\$75	Other
<b>Total \$491 / \$516</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
<i>Optional swimming program</i>
<i>Optional excursions to be scheduled</i>
<i>Optional activities to be scheduled</i>

## 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
- School Saving Bonus
- 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: [ben.heys@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ben.heys@education.vic.gov.au)

## 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 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.