ELMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Grade 1

Dear parent/guardian,

Elmore Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Elmore Primary School's 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. Students will have access to all resources and subscriptions listed in the curriculum contributions and other contributions areas, regardless of the school receiving any payment from families.

Families will be able to collect and label the listed items from the school office in the week leading up to the 2025 school year. Times will be confirmed following delivery confirmation from our supplier.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

The School Saving Bonus will provide $400 in support for Victorian school-aged students in Term 4, 2024 for use on 2025 school costs (see attached note for further information). As a result, the school will not be requesting a contribution for extra curricula items and activities.

The school saving bonus cannot be used on the curriculum contributions, as this is a voluntary contribution. It can be allocated toward uniforms, camps, excursions, incursions, sporting programs.

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

Yours sincerely,

Aaron Taylor
PRINCIPAL

Kylie Gardam
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Curriculum Contributions – items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		Amount
Bostick Blue Stick	4	
Artline 90 Permanent Marker Black	1	
Steadtler Eraser	2	
Sharpener Plastic Double	1	
Crayola Crayons Twistables Pack 12	1	
Ruler 30cm Plastic	1	
Faber-Castell Connectors Pack 12	1	
Scissors 165 mm	1	
Faber-Castell Classic Pencils Pack 12	1	
Artline 210 Fineliner Black	2	
Project Book Spirax#147 Plain/18mm 96 Page	3	
Exercise Book A4 64 Page Spirax 24mm	7	
Grid Book A4 48 Page Spirax 10mm	3	$80.04
Artline Whiteboard Marker chisel tip	2	
Moki Headphones	1	
Pencil Case Zip Neoprene Jumbo	2	
Highlighter	2	
Pencil 2B	4	
Ream of Paper	1	
Kluwell Reader	1	
EPS is utilising a number of stored resources to supplement this order 2025.		
***Book number and line spacing size will vary for Year Prep, One and Two students**		
Subscriptions		
Mathletics		$19.98
Reading Eggs		$19.98
MACC Art Van/MARC		$35.00
Tax deductible contributions		
Building and Grounds fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support the re development of our school entrance and student play spaces.		$
Total Amount		**$155.00**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Elmore 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
Excursions and Incursion (To be scheduled) contribution	$0.00	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		**$**

Financial Support for Families
Elmore Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- States School Relief
- the School Saving Bonus

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Aaron Taylor

Ph: 03 5432 6247 | Email: Aaron.Taylor@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Area Total	Your Contribution
Curriculum Contributions	*$ 155.00*	$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	*$00.00*	$
Tax deductible contribution		$
	TOTAL	$

Payment methods

Electronic Funds Transfer (preferred)

Bendigo Bank

BSB: 063093

Acc No: 10003384

Or

Payment can be made in person at the office. Please be aware we do not have EFT facilities or keep change on site.

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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.

School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off $400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

  If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.

- **Check your contact information**

  Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the $400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your $400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the $400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of $1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

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