ELMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**RESPECT** **RESILIENCE** **CITIZENSHIP** **INTEGRITY**

**Grade 5**

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 | 2 | |
| Artline 90 Permanent Marker Black | 1 | |
| Staedtler Eraser | 2 | |
| Sharpener | 1 | |
| Ruler 30cm Plastic | 1 | |
| Faber-Castell Connectors Pack 12 | 1 | |
| Faber-Castell Classic Pencils Pack 12 | 1 | |
| Artline 210 Fineliner Black | 2 | |
| Artline Whiteboard Marker Chisel Tip Black | 2 | |
| Display Book A4 Refillable 20 Pocket Black | 2 | |
| Artline 579 Whiteboard Marker Chisel Tip Black | 2 | |
| Pencil Case | 1 | |
| Faber-Castell Highlighter Yellow | 1 | |
| Project Boox Spirax 48 Page 14mm dotted | 6 | |
| Exercise Book Spirax 64 Page 18mm dotted | 10 | $61.04 |
| Graph Book Spirax A4 96 Page 10mm Grid | 2 | |
| Exercise Book 225 x 175 | 1 | |
| HB Pencil | 4 | |
| Moki Headphones | 1 | |
| Scrap Book 165mm x 240mm | 1 | |
| Kluwell Do It Diary | 1 | |
| Papermate Inkjoy Red Pen | 4 | |
| Papermate Inkjoy Black Pen | 4 | |
| Ream of Paper | 1 | |
| *EPS is utilising a large number of stored resources to supplement this order 2024.* | | |
| **Subscriptions** | | |
| Mathletics | | $19.98 |
| Reading Eggs | | $19.98 |
| Essential Assessment | | $19.00 |
| MACC Art Van/MARC | | $20.00 |
| Campaspe Cluster Membership Fee | | $10.00 |
| **Tax deductible contributions** | | |
| **Building fund.** A tax-deductible contribution to support the fit-out and resourcing of our Capital Building Works Project in 2024. | | $ |
| | | |
| **Total Amount** | | **$160.00** |

## 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 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Curriculum Contributions | *$ 160.00* | $ |
| Tax deductible contribution | | $ |
| | **TOTAL** | $ |

Preferred Payment method:

*Electronic Funds Transfer (preferred)*

Bendigo Bank

BSB: 063-093

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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