

2021 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Whitfield District Primary School



Dear Parent

Whitfield District primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Whitfield District Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for Prep to Grade 6 attached. Please complete this form and return to the school by 9th December, 2020 so the school can prepare accordingly.

Whitfield District Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Whitfield District Primary School makes every effort to keep costs and the number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. To ensure all students have access to a free, high quality education in all curriculum areas, the school provides all textbooks, access to computers and iPads, class materials and necessary stationary for all students. The Parents Association makes a great contribution each year to funding of camps (approximately 50% – 60%), so that the charge to parents is significantly less than the actual cost per child.

Financial Support for Families

Whitfield District Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief
- Local community supports – such as Saver Plus scheme
- School Breakfast clubs food support, such as holiday hampers
- Assisting access to free second hand uniforms (if available)

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

Mark van Bergen (Principal)

Ph: (03) 5729 8286 Email: mark.vanbergen@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Parents/carers are able to pay by cash or cheque at the school or by Electronic Funds Transfer – Whitfield District Primary School – Account number: 10107371 – BSB: 063-531.

If you have difficulty making payments please contact the school principal (Mark Van Bergen) or business manager (Pam Spencer) on (03) 57 298 286 to discuss payment options. The school can offer flexible payment arrangements, payment plans or instalments.

Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mark van Bergen (Principal)

Sandy King (School council president)

FEE SCHEDULE – PREP TO GRADE 6

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Whitfield District Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

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Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount										
Local Excursions – Transport	\$50										
Swimming Program – Transport	\$50										
Theatre Performance 'TBC' (Melbourne in April/May)	\$40										
Grade 1 - 2 Camp 'TBC' (Term 4) (Grade 1-2 ONLY)	\$50 (Grade 1-2 only)										
Cooking Program – Food & Transport (Grade 3-6 ONLY)	\$50 (Grade 3-6 only)										
Melbourne Camp (Grade 3-6 ONLY)	\$200 (Grade 3-6 only)										
Cluster Sailing Camp (Grade 6 ONLY)	\$125 (Grade 6 only)										
15 Mile Ck Cluster Camp (Grade 3-4 ONLY)	\$60 (Grade 3-4 only)										
TOTAL	<table> <tr> <td>Prep</td><td>\$140</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grade 1-2</td><td>\$190</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grade 3-4</td><td>\$450</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grade 5</td><td>\$390</td></tr> <tr> <td>Grade 6</td><td>\$515</td></tr> </table>	Prep	\$140	Grade 1-2	\$190	Grade 3-4	\$450	Grade 5	\$390	Grade 6	\$515
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Optional Items

Whitfield District primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
Ski Camp – Falls Creek (<i>optional</i> for grades 4-6) - \$250 (Term 3)	\$250
<i>Optional leadership camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i>	<i>To be advised</i>
TOTAL	\$250

Voluntary Contributions

Whitfield District Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible ?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family			Amount
<i>General Contribution</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>E.g. \$20</i>	<i>E.g. \$50</i>	<i>E.g. \$100</i>	
<i>Playground redevelopment</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>E.g. \$20</i>	<i>E.g. \$50</i>	<i>E.g. \$100</i>	
TOTAL					\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount_____
Optional Items	Amount_____
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount_____
TOTAL	_____