Dear Parent/guardian,

Dandenong North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Dandenong North Primary School’s voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the needs of the Victorian Curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions to enhance student materials and opportunities 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 this support has allowed us to purchase library and class-sets of books that are new and attractive without resorting to worn copies that cannot be renewed after frequent reading. Sporting equipment that is available for borrowing during play times has been added to the basic supplies available for physical education lessons. Updated iPads, laptops, headphones and printers for children to use in their work has also been possible because of parental payment. The most important aspect, however, is basic stationery supplies like paper, tissues, pencils and glue sticks etc.

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

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hilton

Principal

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
| *Classroom consumables, materials & equipment*   * *Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters. Post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers etc* * *Art - paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, wool material, clay, wood, beading etc.* * *Science – ingredients, shared classroom materials* * *Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, stationery, Maths kits* * *English – book boxes, class sets, novels, Readers* * *Sports – equipment* * *Library – books, subscriptions* * *ICT - filament* | $*75* |
| *Online subscriptions*   * *Mathletics* * *Oxford buddies* * *Essential Assessment* * *Accelerated Reader* | $*15* |
| *ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets* | $*10* |
| *Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials* | $*10* |
| *Whole school events*   * *Athletics carnival - entry and transport* * *Swimming program – entry and transport* | Cost to be communicated as event is planned |
| **Total Curriculum Contributions** | **$*110*** |
|  | |
|  | |

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis**

*Dandenong North Primary School* offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum.

*The cost of extra-curricular items and activities such as Camp, Excursions and Incursions will be advised throughout the year.*

### Financial Support for Families

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

* the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
* State Schools Relief (SSR)
* Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Kristie Miller

Ph: 03 9794 7899 | Email: [dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

**Total**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category | Totals |
| Curriculum Contributions | $110 |
| Other Contributions *(Non-tax deductible)* | $0 |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | $ TBA |
| **Total** | **$ 110** |

### Payment methods

* Sentral App
* Cash at office
* EFTPOS at office
* Bpay – using your unique BPay code (please ask at the office)

### Direct Deposit- BSB: 063 000 Account number: 14179085 Reference: use child’s name and grade

**You can not use the School Saving Bonus to pay for the Booklist**

### 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*.*

**Name of Student:**

**Grade / Class 2025:**

**Payment made Via (please tick):** Sentral app Cash at office Eftpos

Direct deposit Bpay

**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. |

