



Rockbank

Primary School

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Dear parent/guardian,

Rockbank Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Rockbank Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

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. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to improve the grounds and provide technology to our students.

In 2022 we will not be requesting a school fee as we have an abundance of excess stationery due to remote learning in 2020-21. All camps and excursions will require payment. This arrangement will only be for 2022.

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

Yours sincerely,

Darryl Spiteri - Principal

Lyn Courtice – School Council President



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Rockbank 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
<i>Optional Year 3-4 Camp</i>	TBA
<i>Optional Year 5-6 school camp</i>	TBA
<i>Optional Year 6 Interschool Sports program</i>	TBA
<i>Other optional excursions to be scheduled in all year levels</i>	TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- payment plans available

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

Sharon Alton

Ph: 03 97471210 | Email: rockbank.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

To pay your accounts via Bpay is simple. Use the biller code and reference listed on your statement. Each family has a unique biller code and reference number, If you need a copy of these numbers, please contact the office.

If you provide us with details of the invoices you are paying at the time of payment we will allocate it in accordance with your request.

Refunds

If necessary, refunds will be processed on a case by case basis.

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

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.