



Parent Payment Policy for 2025 Foundation Year

Dear parent/guardian,

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

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is 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 offer technology and musical incursions, a wider offering of art and science experiments and special curriculum experiences and enhanced digital learning opportunities especially computers and coding.

Avoca Primary School will continue to provide students with workbooks, scissors and grey lead pencils required for learning as part of their curriculum contributions from the local newsagency at cost price. We are requesting parents to purchase coloured pencils, textas, erasers, sharpeners, glue sticks and a pencil case from a third-party supplier. We are encouraging all families to support our local news agency in the purchase of these items to keep the business local.

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

We appreciate families taking the time to read this document and become familiar with the curriculum contributions for your child's year level and those extracurricular charges that may pop up as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Jacinta Dellavedova
Principal

Stacey Blair
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Foundation Year classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, pastels, paper mache, glue, plaster, coloured paper (\$20) • Science – chemicals, materials, resources, electronics & batteries (\$15) • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, dices, counters, clocks, spinners, MAB etc (\$10) • English – books, reading cards, word charts (\$10) 	\$55
<i>Foundation Year Workbooks & Grey lead Pencils</i>	\$29.75
<i>ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i>	\$12
<i>Individual Reading Diary</i>	\$ 5.95
<i>Individual Handwriting Book</i>	\$16.10
<i>Individual Maths Mental Book</i>	\$14.50
<i>Foundation year Printing and photocopying of worksheets & learning materials</i>	\$11.20
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$130.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<i>School Sports Victoria affiliation</i>	\$
<i>Student wellbeing programs</i>	\$
<i>First aid equipment</i>	\$
<i>School grounds maintenance and improvements</i>	\$
Total Other Contributions	\$

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from a third party provider for your child to individually own and use.

- Coloured Pencils (x2 sets)
- Coloured Textas (x2 sets)
- Sharpeners (x2)
- Erasers (x2)
- Gluesticks (x5)



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

Avoca 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 will be advised throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
<i>School big day out excursion Foundation</i>	Approx \$70 plus Bus
<i>School Photo Packages</i>	Range between \$15 - \$40
<i>Alpha Show Live Performance</i>	\$15
<i>Harmonica Music Incursion</i>	\$15
<i>Other optional Foundation excursions and incursions to be scheduled</i>	TBA
<i>Mothers Day and Fathers Day Stalls</i>	<i>Gifts available from \$3 to \$8 pay on the day</i>
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

Financial Support for Families

Avoca 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 (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:

Jacinta Dellavedova Ph: 03 5465 3176 | Email:

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Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 130.00
Other Contributions (<i>Non-tax deductible</i>)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods

Payments can be made by cash at the office or via Direct Deposits into the school's bank account. Please use your family name, first name and fees as the description.

Avoca Primary School BSB: 063-093 Account Number: 10003202

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

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.