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Dear parent/guardian,

Heany Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Heany Park Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

However, School Council wanted you to know that voluntary parent payments are a critical part of our school's annual budget and this support from our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students' wellbeing. They make a huge difference, and we have traditionally had around 95% of families supporting the voluntary parent payments. In 2025 this reduced significantly to around 60% of families. For 2026 we are offering a fortnightly, monthly and quarterly automatic payment options and hope that families may find this easier to manage.

Within our school this support has allowed us to:

- ***Upgrade and expand our school laptops, giving students access to improved learning tools and resources***
- ***Grow our library collection, supporting rich and engaging classroom learning***
- ***Contributed \$50,000 towards our new playground, finally bringing the project to life after four years of community fundraising***
- ***Continue delivering high-quality education programs for all students***

Every contribution — big or small — directly supports your child's learning and helps us maintain the great programs and facilities our school community values.

We're pleased to share that **we are not increasing the contribution amounts this year**. If the suggested amounts are not achievable for your family, please contribute what you can — **any contribution is gratefully received** and makes a meaningful difference to our students and school.

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

Yours sincerely

Janet Evison

Principal

Kerryn Baltrusaitis

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i> - Classroom - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers, etc (\$55) - Transdisciplinary - construction paper, paint, glue sticks, inquiry book, pipe cleaners (\$15) - Mathematics – numeracy blocks, calculators, icy pole sticks, grid book, plates, paper bags, maths kits, batteries, dice, counters (\$10) - English – book boxes, specialty writing papers, pens, class sets, readers (\$10) - Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay, glue, card, wool, material, wood, beads, pens, ribbon, wire (\$15) - Physical Education & Sports – equipment, ribbons, certificates (\$25) - Performing Arts – instruments, song sheets, scripts (\$10) - Chinese- cultural resources and celebrations, craft activities (\$10) - Science (\$20)	\$170
<i>Online Subscriptions</i> - Reading Eggs including access at home (\$14) - Essential Assessment including access to My Numeracy at home (\$18)	\$32
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets & headset	\$150
Printing and photocopying of learning materials	\$18
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$370

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
General Voluntary Contribution (suggested - \$50)	\$
School grounds maintenance and improvements (suggested - \$50)	\$
Student wellbeing programs (suggested - \$50)	\$
First Aid Equipment (\$10)	\$
Total Other Contributions	\$

Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (suggested - \$100)	\$

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

Heany Park 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.

These items and activities are provided to students on a user-pays basis and do not need to be paid for as part of the annual Parent Payments process. They will be uploaded to Compass as the events occur throughout the year.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
<i>Year 3-6 School Camps</i>
<i>Incursion & Excursions to be scheduled</i>
<i>Sporting activities (HoopTime, Cross Country, School Sport Victoria Sport (District, Regional, State) Competitions, Senior Interschool Sport)</i>
<i>Swimming Program</i>
<i>Whole School Photos</i>
<i>Grade 6 Hoodies</i>
<i>Graduation Activities</i>
<i>Cyber Safety Program</i>

Financial Support for Families

Heany Park 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*

- *The ability to pay by instalments (fortnightly, monthly or quarterly) or individual payment plans. Please select the instalment plan available via Compass or contact the office to set up an individualised payment plan.*
- For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Bec Hauler (Business Manager) Ph: 03 9764 5533 | Email: rebecca.hauler@education.vic.gov.au

Janet Evison (Principal) Ph: 03 9764 5533 | Email: Janet.Evison@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions (Non-tax deductible)	\$
(Tax-deductible)	\$
Total	\$

Payment methods

- *Compass - full payment or quarterly, monthly or fortnightly instalments.*
- *EFTPOS*
- *Cash*

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.