



Porepukah Primary School

December 2021

Dear parent/guardian,

Porepukah Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Porepukah 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 purchase new digital learning devices, subsidise transport for school camps, implement the Resilience Project, provide access to the arts, use electricity from the sun and hold community events.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jill Gillies

Principal

Porepukah Primary School

Jeff Books

President

Porepukah Primary School Council



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Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Year 5 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Plastic Document Files A4 (Red/Clear) (\$0.94) • 1 Mega-space Scrapbooks 64pg (\$0.47) • 4 8mm Exercise book 96pg (\$3.00) • 2 Maths Grid Books (1cm square grid) (\$0.86) • 2 8mm Project Book 64pg (\$1.98) • 1 A4 Spiral Notebook (\$2.27) • 1 Pencil Grip (\$0.66) • 2 Economy Flat Files (Blue/Red) (\$1.32) • 1 Art Folio A3 (\$1.32) • 1 Reading/Communication Satchel (\$10.95*) • History/Science/Technology – project materials, equipment (\$8.00) • Literacy/Numeracy – shared resources/reading materials (\$10.00) • A4 Paper (\$15.00) • A3 Paper (\$10.00) • Coloured Craft Paper and other paper supplies (\$10.00) • Paint and Craft Materials (\$18.00) <p><i>* \$10.95 Reading/Communication Satchel is a one-time purchase in 2022 and should last students for the remainder of their time at Porepukah Primary School. A replacement satchel will be available for purchase from the school office in subsequent years.</i></p>	\$94.77
<p><i>Year 5 Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Mathematics Subscription - Matific (\$13.30) • Digital Literacy Subscription - Reading Eggs (\$15.08) 	\$28.38
<p><i>Year 5 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets</i></p>	\$10.00
Total Amount	\$133.15

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<p><i>Contribution to the School Library</i></p>	\$10.00
Total Amount	\$10.00



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Educational items for students to own – YEAR FIVE STUDENTS

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use. Stationery items should be high quality and not include stationery 'toys' which can distract from learning. Please ensure all individual items are **clearly labelled with your child's name** and brought to school on the **first day of the school year**. It is important that your child has all the necessary stationery requirements for the first day of school, so that they can fully participate in planned lessons. Spare stationery items should be placed in a clearly labelled snap lock bag and sent to school on the first day of the school year. If you already have any of these items, please re-use them for 2022. These items may need to be topped up during the school year.

Educational Items for students to own – Purchased by the Parent	Checklist
Pencil Case	
Pack of 12 Coloured Pencils (Only)	
Packet of 12 Coloured Textas (Only)	
1 Packet highlighter pens	
4 Large Glue Sticks	
10 HB Grey Led Pencils – pre-sharpened	
8 Blue Pens	
4 Red Pens	
4 White Erasers	
Pair of Scissors	
Small Pencil Sharpener (no big fancy mechanical ones please)	
Metric ruler with cm markings (rigid not flexible or steel)	
Pair of Headphones (no ear buds or microphone)	
Art Smock (old large shirt is fine)	
Calculator	
USB Memory Stick	
Jotter Pad	
2 Packs Post-it notes (76mm x 76mm)	
2 Plastic Display Folders A4	

Place this listing on your fridge for future reference when purchasing either online or at the January sales.



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Porepunkah 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, a note and costing will be sent home prior to the event and should be returned by the due date with the payment. Below is an indication of some of the extra-curricular items and activities that are offered.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase (Please tick)
<i>Optional Excursions such as theatre performances or activity days</i>	As Advised	
<i>Optional Year 5/6 school camp</i>	As Advised	
<i>Optional Sport Activities</i>	As Advised	
<i>Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled</i>	As Advised	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$ TBA

Financial Support for Families

Porepunkah 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 Support

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

Jill Gillies

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Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$133.15
Other Contributions	\$10.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	To Be Advised
Total Amount	\$143.15

Payment methods

Payments to the school can be made online via Bank Transfer, EFTPOS or directly through the school office. The school accepts payment plans and part payments on a regular basis for all payments through prior arrangement. Families may wish to use a payment plan for any parent payments and high-cost events such as school camps or excursions.

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.

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.