

18/11/2022

Dear parent/guardian,

Caledonian Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Caledonian Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Booklists: Booklists have been sent to you via Compass and a paper copy is attached. We request you order all learning materials through Campion as each item has been carefully selected to reflect the needs for learning.

Chromebooks: The Chromebook grade 3 to 6 supplementary payment is removed for 2023. This will allow time for a new Chromebook leasing program to be established for 2024.

Camps and Excursions: Please note, payment for camps and excursions will be requested at various times through 2023 and we will endeavour to provide ample time for Camps.

Voluntary Payments: There is no request for voluntary payments in 2023.

Caledonian PS understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Smith Family Sponsorship
- State Schools Relief Program

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

Brooke Stevens 53326 955/ Caledonian.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin Moody

Principal Caledonian PS

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Adam McNicol

School Council President

"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.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached." (DET Vic 2022)

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from Campion for your child to individually own and use. Additional Information regarding items and accessing the Campion Website is attached.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Caledonian PS 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
Excursions through the year (estimate)	\$50
Optional Year 5/6 school camp (approximately)	\$ 350.00
Optional 3/4 school camp (approximately)	\$ 350.00
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	

Financial Support for Families

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Payment methods

Cash

Eftpos

Bpay

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.