

# **SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS for PREP 2025**

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount		
<ul> <li>Prep classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</li> <li>Exercise and scrap books, scissors, coloured pencils and markers, writing pencils, sharpener etc.</li> <li>Targeting handwriting student book</li> <li>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, cardboard etc.</li> <li>Integrated Studies – Discovery, Science, Sustainability materials</li> <li>Mathematics – numeracy blocks, kinder squares etc.</li> <li>English – book boxes, readers, printed work materials</li> <li>Sports – PMP and sport equipment</li> <li>Music instruments, resources, maintenance and repairs.</li> </ul>	\$ 250.00		
<ul> <li>Prep Online Subscriptions</li> <li>Mathletics</li> <li>Essential Assessment for Maths and English</li> <li>Typing Club</li> <li>Sunshine Starters</li> </ul>	\$ 50.00		
Prep ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets, infrastructure maintenance and equipment upgrade to sustain and enhance our ICT program.	\$ 84.00		
Swimming – 5 lessons over 1 week	\$ TBA		
Total Amount for Curriculum Contributions	\$384.00		
Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount		
Building Fund – Tax deductible	\$ 110.00		
Library Fund - Tax deductible	\$ 70.00		
Total Amount for Other Contributions	\$180.00		

Total Contributions		\$564.00

#### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Valkstone 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	
Incursions / Excursions / Online Incursions	\$TBA	

# **Financial Support for Families**

Valkstone 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

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

Julie Caswell

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**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

# **TOTAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS for PREP 2025**

CHILD'S NAME:														
PREP	С	R	S											
Please nominate method of payment below, return form and payment (if not paying on Compass) to the school office by Friday 21st March 2025.														
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Thank you, your contribution is appreciated

# **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.