

# SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS for Year 1 2025



<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<p><i>Year 1 classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All stationery – exercise, workbooks and grid books, scissors, coloured pencils, pens and markers, diary, writing pencils, sharpener etc.</li> <li>• Visual Arts supplies and resources – paint, crayons, canvas, clay, coloured paper, glitter etc</li> <li>• Integrated Studies – Inquiry, Science, Technology and Sustainability materials.</li> <li>• Printing and photocopying of work tasks and learning materials to learn in class and at home.</li> <li>• Maths class sets</li> <li>• Music instruments, resources, maintenance and repairs.</li> <li>• Critical literacy resources.</li> <li>• Sports equipment.</li> </ul>	\$250.00
<p><i>Year 1 Online Subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathletics</li> <li>• Essential Assessment for Maths and English</li> <li>• Typing Club</li> <li>• Active Learn</li> <li>• Sunshine Starters</li> </ul>	\$50.00
<i>Swimming – 5 lessons over 1 week</i>	\$TBA
<i>Year 1 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets, infrastructure maintenance and equipment upgrade to sustain and enhance our ICT program.</i>	\$84.00
<b>Total Amount for Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>\$384.00</b>
<b>Other Contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Building Fund – Tax deductible fund</i>	\$110.00
<i>Library Fund – Tax deductible fund</i>	\$70.00
<b>Total for Other Contributions</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>

<b>Total Contributions</b>				<b>\$564.00</b>

### 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	
<i>Incursions / Excursions / Online Incursions</i>	\$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*

Ph: 03 9570 3986 | Email: [julie.caswell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:julie.caswell@education.vic.gov.au)

**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 Year 1 2025

CHILD'S NAME: .....

Year 1 P R S (Please circle)

Please nominate method of payment below, return form and payment (if not paying on Compass) to the school office by Friday 21st March 2025.

Cash  EFTPOS at Office  Compass (Visa or Mastercard)

Payment by Credit Card directly to the office:  Visa or  Mastercard ONLY

Card Number:

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Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Amount Payable \$.....

Cardholder's Name:.....

Cardholder's Signature..... Contact No: .....

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.