

Foundation (Prep)

Voluntary Financial Contributions - 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Rowellyn Park Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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 is 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 invest in improving our teaching and learning spaces, the school grounds, and resourcing spaces like the library and our specialist learning areas. In 2024, these contributions will further support the school in improving our phonics program in the junior school, expanding our senior electives program, introducing a buddy program, and continuing to improve our outdoor play areas.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mark Henderson
Principal

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School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Foundation classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books and materials – see itemised list overleaf – (\$61) Little Learners Love Literacy Home Reading Journal – (\$5) 	\$66
Foundation Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathletics (\$12) Reading Eggs (\$12) 	\$24
Total Amount	\$90

Financial Support for Families

Rowellyn Park Primary understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- States School Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our Assistant Principal, Samantha Smith on 03 9782 0953 or via email at rowellyn.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$90

Payment methods

OPTION 1 – ONLINE via COMPASS

A Curriculum Contribution and Extra-Curricular Items payment and can be made online via the Compass Portal.

OPTION 2 – IN PERSON

A Curriculum Contribution and Extra-Curricular Items payment and can be made in person at the School Office. Cash, personal cheques, VISA/Mastercard/EFTPOS is available.

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.

All requests for refunds should be directed to the Business Manager at the School Office on 03 9782 0953.

2024 Foundation Classroom Consumables – Books and Materials

Name	Qty
STAEDTLER NORIS CLUB SAFETY SCISSORS FOR CHILDREN 140MM	1
FACIAL TISSUES 2 PLY BOX 100	2
STAEDTLER GLUE STICK 35G	6
PICTOR 330X240MM 64 PAGE SPACE TECH SCRAPBOOK 100GSM BOND COLOR ME COVER	8
PICTOR PREMIUM MINI EXERCISE BOOK 225X175MM 48PG 8MM RULED 70GSM MOON	1
INITIATIVE COPY PAPER 80GSM 500 SHEETS A4	1
STAEDTLER JUMBO TRIANGULAR NATURAL GRAPHITE PENCILS 2B	6
CRAYOLA TWISTABLES CRAYONS 165MM PACK 12	2
PICTOR COLOURED THICK MEGA MARKERS PK 12	1
WHITEBOARD MARKER BULLET TIP 2.0MM BLACK	6
STAEDTLER WHITEBOARD ERASER	2
PICTOR EXERCISE BOOK A4 DOTTED THIRDS 24MM 48 PAGE 70GSM ROCKET	2
PICTOR PREMIUM A4 64PG EXERCISE BOOK 25MM RULED 70GSM GEMINI	3
ESSENTIAL WOODEN RULER 30CM (852511)	1
PROTEXT MESH POUCH WITH ZIPPER + NOTE POCKET A5	1
MARBIG REFILLABLE DISPLAY BOOK A4 20 POCKET BLACK CLEAR FRONT	1
FABER CASTELL JUMBO TRIANGULAR COLOUR PENCILS 5MM PK 12	1

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.