

POLICY STATEMENT

PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

Ratified by School Council: March 2022

Review date: February 2023

Schools are no longer required to develop their own school-level parent payment policy but must use this template to develop their own parent payment arrangements that comply with the Department's Parent Payment Policy.

**FREE INSTRUCTION**

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.

**PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS**

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.

**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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.

At Selby Primary School we endeavour to create and maintain a nurturing learning environment which fosters positive student participation through our values of

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