

# Rosamond School



Dear Parents and Carers,

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

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 all of our students. Your support makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school, such support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with:

- Student Welfare programs such as Canine Comprehension and Bluearth
- Use of school buses and MYKI cards for transport
- End of Year Activities
- Provide 1:1 laptops to students in Primary-Exits year levels
- Online learning subscriptions
- Art and kitchen consumables/ingredients
- Provide unlimited stationery to students in classroom
- School Magazine
- School Diary
- PECS, Speech & Occupational Therapy resources

Rosamond School is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)* with the result that **any donations made by you will be tax deductible**. To be tax deductible, your donation needs to be made voluntarily. We have suggested an amount to be contributed under "Curriculum Contributions" and "Other Contributions" below, but please feel free to contribute an alternative amount. Amounts paid under "Extra-Curricular Items and Activities" are **not** donations and are not tax deductible.

**The suggested parent contribution for our Primary (Early Years) is \$150.**

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

Yours sincerely,

*Louise Dingley*

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Principal

*Brett Morris*

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School Council President

## Primary (Early Years) Parent Payment Arrangements 2023

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom Consumables, Materials and Stationery</li> <li>• Rosamond School Diary</li> <li>• Headset (replaced as needed)</li> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc.</li> <li>• Garden Appreciation Program – gardening tools, seeds, plants etc.</li> <li>• Kitchen Program – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc.</li> <li>• Mathematics – maths kits and classroom materials</li> <li>• Sports – equipment and materials</li> <li>• Music – instruments and subscriptions</li> <li>• Library – books, subscriptions</li> <li>• Student Support items, eg sensory items</li> </ul>	\$150
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Eggs</li> <li>• Maths Seeds</li> <li>• Seesaw Subscription</li> </ul>	\$44
ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets, STEM equipment and devices	\$30
Communication tools - PODD books, assistive technology devices, displays	\$30
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$5
Whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harmony Day</li> <li>• Book Week Celebrations and Prizes</li> <li>• Multicultural Day incursions and awards</li> </ul>	\$10
<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
First aid and hygiene equipment	\$50
School grounds maintenance and resources	\$30
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$349</b>

## Primary (Early Years) Parent Payment Arrangements 2023

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Rosamond 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
Other optional camps and excursions will be scheduled and charged on a user pays basis. Details of these activities will be provided to students and families throughout the year.	TBA
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>\$ TBA</b>

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions
- State Schools Relief provides financial support for eligible families to purchase uniform items at a reduced cost

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact the Business Manager, Helen Just, on 9311 1511 or email [rosamond.ss@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:rosamond.ss@education.vic.gov.au)

### Total

Category	Cost to School	Suggested Parent Contribution
Curriculum Contributions (tax deductible)	\$269	\$150
Other Contributions	\$80	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$349</b>	<b>\$150</b>

## Primary (Early Years) Parent Payment Arrangements 2023

Parent Contributions are payable any time throughout the school year, however payment prior to the beginning of Term 3 is greatly appreciated.

### Payment methods

Payments can be made via the following methods:

- Cash (at the office or sent in with your child)
- Eftpos (at the office)
- Electronically via BPay. Please contact the school for your individual BPay reference number.

### 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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.