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Dear parent/guardian,

St Arnaud Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of St Arnaud Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for this year.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

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's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has a huge impact on our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wider range of programs and special curriculum experiences; enhanced digital learning opportunities; the upgrade of our learning spaces; and access to excellent quality learning materials and resources.

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from *Campion Books* for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

St Arnaud 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.

Financial Support for Families

St Arnaud Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers support, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- payment plans can be used to pay off camp costs over time, ahead of the camp

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

Yours sincerely,

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Daniel Greenaway
School Council President

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.

Student Name: _____ Student Year Level 2024: _____
 (Please complete one sheet per child)

A. Curriculum Contributions		Amount
<i>- items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</i>		\$
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <i>(this amount appears on the student booklist as \$84 due to the handling fee added by CAMPION, and only needs to be paid once)</i>		
Art – paint, glue, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper (\$25)		\$80
STEM – tape, icy pole sticks, pipe cleaners, rubber bands, cardboard (\$20)		
PE & Sports – equipment, ribbons, awards (\$10)		
Literacy/Numeracy – printing, copying and learning materials (\$25)		
Online Subscriptions P/1/2 <i>(cross out if not applicable)</i>		\$19
P/1/2 Essential Assessment (\$19.00)		
Online Subscriptions 3/4/5/6 <i>(cross out if not applicable)</i>		OR
3/4/5/6 Mathletics (\$30.00)		\$49
3/4/5/6 Essential Assessment (\$19.00)		
B. Other Contributions		Amount
<i>- for non-curriculum items and activities</i>		
First aid materials		\$5
C. Extra – Curricular Items and Activities		Amount
<i>- these items are optional and can be paid for at a later date</i>		
Year 6 Graduation Photos		\$10
Camp Deposit - 3/4/5/6 School Camp		
Yr5/6 Canberra Camp, November 2024 (approximately \$1000 per student)		\$50
Yr3/4 Roses Gap Camp, May 2024 (approximately \$500 per student)		
2024 School Magazine		\$18
A. Curriculum Contributions - Classroom Consumables		\$
B. Other Contributions		\$
C. Extra-Curricular Items and Activities (add relevant cost options)		\$
TOTAL		\$

Payment methods

BPAY direct deposit – please confirm your BPay code with Jenny Gifford in the General Office

Cash – we do NOT have eftpos facilities at the school

Cheque – made payable to St Arnaud Primary School

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.