

2024 Parent Payment Policy

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hesket Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2024.

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 our students and ensures that each child is provided with the same resources. This makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

The charges for other items such as camps, excursions, interschool sports and swimming will be made known to parents at the earliest opportunity.

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

Yours sincerely,

Seona Aulich

Principal

Jessica Matthews

School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials and equipment	\$85
Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper	\$20
Science – materials	\$20
Online Subscriptions	
Seesaw	\$75
Essential Assessment	\$20
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Grounds maintenance (per family)	\$60

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Hesket 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

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- States Schools Relief
- Second-hand and low-cost options

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, e.g. paid in smaller fortnightly transfers, contact:

Seona Aulich or Diane Moore

Ph: 03 5427 0330 | Email: hesket.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$220 (per student)
Other Contributions	\$60 (per family)
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$TBA

Payment Methods

Cash

Preferred -

- EFT BSB: 063-806 a/c: 10023792 Hesket Primary School
- Bpay Individual family codes on statements issued by school upon request.

Refunds

Please contact the school if a refund is required.

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.