



## 2026 Parent Payment Policy

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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 2026.

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.

### Deductible Gift Recipient Status

We have recently received endorsement from the ATO as a Deductible Gift Recipient and can now accept Tax deductible contributions to the Hesket Primary School Council Building Fund that can be used to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of our buildings.

### Payment Plans Welcome

Families wishing to make regular payments towards voluntary contributions and any other school-based activities across the year, should feel welcome to set up a regular fortnightly payment to the school's bank account. Please Seesaw Di if this is something that would suit your family.

*For example: \$10 per student each fortnight, over the school calendar year.*

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

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom consumables - glue sticks, coloured pencils/textas, grey leads, student reading diary, document folders, exercise books, whiteboard markers and eraser, scrap books, highlighters, scissors, crayons, rulers, sticky notes, laminating sheets</li> </ul>	\$95
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art - paint, crayons, canvas, coloured paper, clay, cartridge paper, art journals, various felt tip markers, fine liners</li> </ul>	\$20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science - kitchen science materials, various craft</li> </ul>	\$20
<b>Online Subscriptions</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seesaw</li> </ul>	\$55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Assessment</li> </ul>	\$20
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Grounds Maintenance (per family)</b>	\$60
<b>Tax deductible contributions</b>	
<b>Building fund</b> - A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades and maintenance of school buildings. (Family to elect amount)	\$_____

### 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 across the year, contact: Seona Aulich or Diane Moore  
Ph: 03 5427 0330 | Email: hesket.ps@education.vic.gov.au

### Total

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Curriculum Contributions	\$210 (per student)
Other Contributions	\$60 (per family)
Building Fund, tax-deductible contribution	\$
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.