



YEAR ONE PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Clifton Hill Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's 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.

Whilst the State Government supplies most of the school's funding, it is not sufficient to meet the costs of our extensive programs and offerings, some of which are listed below. Schools are dependent on locally raised funds to supplement the State Government's funding for our curriculum programs, services, and resources. Locally raised funds in the form of voluntary parent contributions are therefore essential for the operation of our school's extended teaching and learning programs, specialist staff and the purchase of additional equipment.

Within our school the support of locally raised funds, particularly voluntary contributions, allows us to:

- offer a wide range of subjects and special curriculum experiences such as a specialist STEM program
- enhance digital learning opportunities
- operate a literacy intervention program in years P-2
- offer extension programs such as Tournament of Minds, Maths Olympiad and Maths extension teaching
- extensively resource our school library
- employ a school nurse 5 days per week
- employ a school psychologist 1 day per week
- maintain grounds on a weekly basis and regularly update our planting
- engage in refurbishment projects such as painting and upgrading flooring in our classrooms

It is important to stress that the viability of our innovative programs in 2026 relies on your support through voluntary parent contributions. We understand the financial challenges faced by families, and we want to assure you that all contributions are valued and go directly toward student programs, specialist staff, and facilities that benefit everyone. By working together and contributing what we can, we create a powerful collective impact. If you have any concerns or questions about payment, our Principal and Business Manager are available for further discussion.

The School Council would like to thank you for your ongoing support, whether that's through financial contributions, fundraising, or volunteering your time. This has made an enormous difference to our school and the programs we can offer.



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

Yours sincerely,

Mary-Helen McIlroy
School Council President

Megan Smith
Principal



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Year One classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, A3 Cartridge paper, fine liners, graphite drawing pencils, water colours, clay • Mathematics – numeracy blocks, counters, writing books, scales, weights, dice, numeracy picture books, 2D shape blocks • English – book boxes, scissors, crayons, pencils, LLLL readers, writing books, textas, classroom library, reader's notebook, posters/charts • Technology – Bee Bots, Dash Robots • Sports – general equipment • Investigations – lego, dress ups, playhouses, connex, playdough etc	\$366
Year One Online Subscriptions Includes access to subscriptions such as Clickview, Seesaw, Essential Assessments, Sunshine Online	\$41
Year One ICT Devices – provision of iPads from the shared classroom sets	\$56
Year One photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$52

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Nurse Fund In the interest of student health and well-being the School employs a Registered Nurse who is based in the sick bay from 9am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday. The payment of the Nurse Contribution by parents and carers enables the school to employ a registered nurse. The presence of a school nurse at a primary school is not mandatory but the benefits are available for all students.	\$175
School Assistance Fund This fund is to provide support to any families at our school demonstrating financial hardship. Your contribution helps to ensure that all our students have the option of attending school camps and excursions and have the items they need for school.	\$175
First aid equipment This contribution allows the school to purchase replacement HEPA filters for air purifiers and first aid materials and equipment for the school.	\$124
School grounds maintenance and improvements This contribution allows the school to employ personnel or buy materials to maintain the school grounds to a high standard. For example; purchasing tan bark in playground areas, repairing shade sails, replacing sand, painting poles, purchasing plants etc.	\$175



Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. Suggested amount \$300	\$309
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$309

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Clifton Hill 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis and will generally be paid via Compass.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Year One incursions and excursions to be scheduled throughout the year (approx. \$200)	TBA
School Photos	TBA (paid directly to provider)

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FOR YOUR STUDENT TO OWN

We recommend that you purchase the following for your child to individually own and use. Please send this to school with your child during the first week of term 1.

Educational Items for your student to own	
Please purchase the following handwriting book: Targeting Handwriting Student Book Year One and have your child to bring to school at the beginning of term 1 2025.  Alternatively, the school can bulk purchase the items on your behalf. We will provide details of this via Compass.	Available at Officeworks: https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/p/targeting-handwriting-vic-student-book-1-le41250887 Amazon: https://www.amazon.com.au/VIC-Targeting-Handwriting-Student-Book/dp/1741250889



Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- A variety of payment options including nominating dates for payment
- Support through the school assistance fund

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Megan Smith, Principal Ph: 03 94898333 | Email: megan.smith@education.vic.gov.au

Preferred Payment method (contactless):

Compass: using your ID and password to login to the Compass website
<https://cliftonhillps-vic.compass.education/login.aspx>

Other: Please email or call for alternative payment arrangements:
suzie.markopoulos@education.vic.gov.au or 94898333

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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information. Generally, we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school.



PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD/EFTPOS

Please complete the form below to pay by credit card/EFTPOS.

Year One Student Name: _____

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	
- Nurse Fund	\$
- School Assistance Fund	\$
- First Aid Equipment	\$
- School Grounds and Improvement	\$
Tax-deductible	
- Building	\$
- Library	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Total	\$

If not paying in person, please complete below:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry date: _____

CVC: _____

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.