



# Eastern Ranges School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Eastern Ranges 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 fulfill the Victorian Curriculum and Victorian Pathways Certificate 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.

Within our school this support has allowed us to purchase:

- Additional furniture across the school in anticipation of our big build in the Senior School
- 4 C-Pens for use in the Senior School
- Regular upgrading and purchasing of additional devices for students across the school
- Significant refurbishment of the school grounds, in particular, upper primary yard and senior yard
- SWIVL camera purchased, designed for teachers to reflect on own practice when teaching and learning

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

Thank you also to those of you who have contributed to the school through giving of your time either through School Council, Community Engagement or other committees, selling and purchasing raffle tickets and/or attending one of our school community events.

This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Thank you,

SAM SILVERWOOD – PRINCIPAL

ABDUL BAKHACH – SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

<b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom consumables, stationery, materials, and equipment, laminated resources</li> <li>• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials</li> <li>• ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets – laptops, iPads, C-Pens</li> <li>• Online Subscriptions Boardmaker Reading Eggs Mathletics</li> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, clay, etc</li> <li>• Cooking – food ingredients such as flour, butter etc that students consume</li> <li>• Sports – eg Trampolines, well equipped gymnasium</li> <li>• Sensory items recommended by our Occupation Therapist</li> <li>• Communication tools – assistive technology devices, displays, laminated resources</li> </ul>	\$310
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$310</b>

<b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student wellbeing programs -- Resilience Project</li> <li>• Music Therapy new equipment and replacements</li> </ul>	\$50
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$360</b>

### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Eastern Ranges 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.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purchase (Please tick)</b>
Yearbook	TBA	
Hoodies Year 12	TBA	
Polo Shirts Year 6	TBA	
Other optional excursions to be scheduled	TBA	
<b>Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities</b>		<b>\$</b>

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State School's Relief provides support for eligible families to purchase uniforms at a reduced rate

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

Lynda Llewellyn, Business Manager

email: [Lynda.llewellyn@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Lynda.llewellyn@education.vic.gov.au)

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$

### 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.

### Payment methods

<b>Student's Name:</b> _____	<b>2024 Class</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit into school bank account: CBA BSB 063-223 Account 00902304 Reference: Student's Name Please email details to the school email address: <a href="mailto:eastern.ranges.sch@education.vic.gov.au">eastern.ranges.sch@education.vic.gov.au</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EFTPOS Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque (Make cheque payable to Eastern Ranges School)	
<b><i>Please return this page to the office</i></b>	

# 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.