

Dear Parent

Aspendale Gardens Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Aspendale Gardens Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule attached. *Please note that payments can be made in 2020 up until Tuesday 15th December, with payment in full due by Friday 19th February 2021.*

Aspendale Gardens Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

While you have the option of purchasing the essential items yourself, it is worth noting that by purchasing in bulk, the school is able to obtain items at a significant discount to our families, ensuring all students have the equipment they need on hand at all times. If you choose to purchase items yourself, you must consult with the school so that your child has the required items.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment Plans

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

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Payment Methods

- Credit/Debit Card via Compass portal (preferred payment method)
- Cash
- Bpay
- Cheque

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one page overview attached or view the policy in full at <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>.

Yours sincerely,



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FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 4

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Aspendale Gardens Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

If you are unable to make payment via Compass, please bring a printed copy of this document with you when making payment.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. If you choose to do this you must consult with the school so that your child has the correct items. There may be some items or services you cannot purchase yourself. As the school purchases in bulk, it is more cost effective for families to allow the school to purchase student supplies.

Essential Student Learning Items	Cost	Amount Paid
Stationery 4 x Scrapbook 6 x Writing Book, Dotted Thirds 4 x Grid Book A4 4 x Exercise Book 1 x Notebook 1 x Pencil case 6 x Jumbo pencils 1 x Red Checking Pencil 1 x Ruler 1 x Scissors 1 x Eraser 4 x Glue Stick 1 x Sharpener 2 x Pencil Grips 2 x Coloured Pencils 1 x Fineliner Coloured Markers Coloured Pencils 1 x Whiteboard marker A4 Pockets 3 x Letter File Facial Tissues A4 white paper A4 coloured paper	\$59.00	\$
Consumables for the Classroom , including (but not limited to) paper, tape, circles, squares, patty pans, rubber bands, stickers.	\$50.00	\$
Consumables for Art , including (but not limited to) paints, cardboard, glitter, glue, craft paper, fabric, clay, feathers, poly balls, canvas, and pom poms.	\$50.00	\$
Consumables for Inquiry , including (but not limited to) Portfolios, additional art and craft supplies.	\$58.00	\$
Consumables for LOTE , including (but not limited to) exercise books, flour, eggs, vegetables and other food supplies as required.	\$50.00	\$
Consumables for SAK , including (but not limited to) seedlings, flour, eggs, baking soda, vegetables and other food supplies as required.	\$120.00	\$
Online Subscriptions (My Literacy, My Numeracy)	\$12.00	\$
School Diary	\$6.00	\$
TOTAL	\$405.00	\$

Optional Items

Aspendale Gardens Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below. Please note students will not be able to participate in the specified activity without prior payment.

Optional Item	Cost	Amount Paid
<i>Excursions and Incursions are scheduled for all year levels throughout 2021. The cost of these activities will be advised throughout the year. Alternatively, you may choose to pay the levy upfront and all associated costs will be subtracted from this amount with any unused balance being credited to your account.</i>	\$100.00	\$
<i>School Yearbook</i>	\$20.00	\$
<i>Camps are scheduled from Years 3 to 6 throughout 2021. The cost of these camps will be advised throughout the year.</i>	To be advised	
<i>Optional Music Lessons are offered to students each term. The cost of the different lessons on offer will be communicated prior to the end of the previous term.</i>	To be advised	
TOTAL	\$120.00	\$

Voluntary Contributions

Aspendale Gardens Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
<i>General Contribution towards such things as classroom materials, resources, school equipment, first aid items, and to contribute towards updating and maintaining library books and provisions.</i>	No	\$100.00	\$
<i>Grounds and Maintenance, to contribute towards regular maintenance, improvements and beautification of the student environment.</i>	No	\$100.00	\$
<i>Building Fund School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund</i>	Yes	\$100.00	\$
TOTAL			\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount	\$_____
Optional Items	Amount	\$_____
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount	\$_____
	TOTAL	\$_____

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who struggle to 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 obtain School Council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.