



November, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: 2021 Parent Payment Arrangements - Prep

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

Canterbury Primary School Council reviews the fee schedule annually and has given careful consideration to all aspects of school needs to provide an excellent educational environment for all students.

School Council makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents and advise that contributions for 2021 will remain in line with last year.

This year, the Department of Education is moving towards greater transparency for parents by reclassifying how fees are presented (see Fee Schedule attached).

We rely on your contributions and without the support of our families through your contributions (both Essential & Voluntary) and fundraising, Canterbury Primary School could not provide the quality and range of educational programs and resources that you and the school expect for your child. Thank you to all of those families who have made a contribution to our school, these funds have been gratefully received and allowed us to:

- Provide an enhanced curriculum to all students (ie: Maker Space - coding, 3D Printer, sewing, woodwork, robots) and Maker Kitchen
- Purchase digital technology equipment and provide a high level of IT Support (ie: Laptops, iPads, TV's, IT Technician)
- Purchase classroom resources (ie: Library books, class sets, readers, sporting and music equipment)
- Buildings (ie: main building verandah reinstatement, painting, carpeting, blinds)
- Grounds (ie: retaining wall and outdoor furniture replacement, synthetic turf maintenance, playground equipment maintenance)

2021 Parent Payment Charges - Prep

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount	\$262.00
Optional - Excursions, Camps, Activities - <i>will be charged on a per event basis</i>		TBA
Educational Voluntary Contribution		
• Learning Resources	Amount	\$ 58.00
• Digital Learning Resources	Amount	<u>\$160.00</u>
	SUB TOTAL	\$480.00
Other Voluntary Contribution		
• Building Fund - Tax deductible	(suggested)	\$ 75.00
• Library Fund - Tax deductible	(suggested)	\$ 25.00
• Grounds	(suggested)	\$ 65.00
• First Aid	(suggested)	\$ 15.00
• Canterbury Parents Association		<u>\$ 10.00</u>
	SUB TOTAL	<u>\$190.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$670.00</u>

Payment Methods

Payments can be made online via Compass 'Course Confirmation/School Fees' or by credit card at the school office as soon as possible **but no later than Friday 26th February 2021**. If paying at the school office please enclose with payment the completed fee schedule from Compass.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Deferred Payment or the extension of payment deadlines
- Flexible Payment Plan
- Referral to government assistance programs & community organisations.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Janine Stack, Business Manager on 03 9836 4537 or via email janine.stack@education.vic.gov.au before 26th February, 2021.

Refunds

If a camp or excursion is cancelled or altered by the school, or a student is no longer able to attend part or all of the camp or excursion, our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents/carers on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will provide information about refunds to parents/carers at the time of payment.

Further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy is available on the school website www.canterburyps.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,



Carly Pluck
Acting Principal



Eve Mitsopoulos
School Council President

2021 FEE SCHEDULE - Prep

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning items to enhance the standard curriculum and Optional Items for your child.

Canterbury Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items purchased in bulk at wholesale pricing by the school

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard and enhanced curriculum. Please note:

- **Student Requisite items are ordered in bulk at wholesale pricing and will be supplied direct to students as needed throughout the school year.** (Note: If parents choose to provide these materials this must be communicated to the school as soon as possible and items purchased in consultation with the school to ensure all items meet the specifications of the school).

Essential Student Learning Items (to be purchased in bulk at wholesale pricing by the school)	Amount
Stationery Items (follow link for list)	\$ 57.50
Cooking Ingredients (includes flour, butter, rice, vegetables, fruit etc.)	\$ 71.50
Art & Craft supplies (includes paint, paper, glitter, craft, clay, wood, wool etc.)	\$ 102.00
Computer Programs - SeeSaw \$10.00 - Essential Assessment \$6.00 - Story Box \$1.60 - Reading Eggs \$8.00 - Computer applications \$6.00	\$ 31.00
TOTAL	\$ 262.00

Optional Items

Canterbury Primary School offers a range of optional activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. **These activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child and will be charged on a per event basis.**

Optional Items (will be charged at the time of the event)	Amount
Excursions - to be charged on a per event basis (includes excursions, incursions, sporting carnivals)	\$135.00 (estimate only)
Swimming	TBA
TOTAL	

Please Note: If you have a credit on your account, all events will be applied and charged once the credit is exhausted.

Voluntary Contributions

Canterbury Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school and programs. School Council gratefully acknowledges your generous contribution.

Learning Resources - contributions will be used to purchase quality learning resources, class sets, readers, sporting and music equipment.

Digital Technology Resources - contributions will be used to purchase technology equipment (ie: laptops, iPads, classroom TV's) and engage an IT Technician to provide high level IT support across the school.

Building Fund (tax deductible) - contributions will be used to undertake building development and school improvements. In 2021 these funds will contribute to the continuation of the internal painting and carpeting programs.

Library Fund (tax deductible) - contributions will be used to improve resources and upgrade the Library. In 2021 these funds will continue to update library books, resources and Library refurbishment.

Grounds - contributions will be used to employ a person to manage and maintain the school's grounds and facilities. DET funding is heavily supplemented by the school to ensure our grounds continue to be maintained in optimal condition. This contribution supports the work of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to improve facilities at working bees and eases the burden on fundraising activities. This enables the proceeds from such activities to be directed more towards improving facilities, equipment and learning opportunities for all students.

First Aid - contributions will be used to support the provision of a quality First Aid program.

Canterbury Parents Association - Annual family membership for the Canterbury Parents Association. These funds help support the community when required during the year. Your family membership will help the CPA support the school community in 2021 and will also allow voting rights at CPA meetings.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution	Amount
Educational			
- Learning Resources - learning resources, class sets, readers, sporting and music equipment	No	\$58	
- Digital Technology Resources - technology equipment (ie: laptops, iPads, classroom TV's) and high quality IT support	No	\$160	
Other			
Library Fund	Yes	\$25	
Building Fund	Yes	\$75	
Grounds	No	\$65	
First Aid	No	\$15	
Canterbury Parents Association	No	\$10	
		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.