

Omeo Primary School

Parent Payments

Review 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Omeo Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Omeo Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support allows us to offer special curriculum experiences; maintain our library and STEM centre.

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

Yours sincerely,

Acting Principal: Jeff Wilson

School Council President: Stuart Pendergast

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum		Amount
<i>Classroom consumables, materials & equipment Eg: Art, Science, Mathematics, English, Sports</i>		\$70
<i>Swimming and water safety program</i>		\$30
<i>STEM consumables SENIORS ONLY</i>		\$30*
<i>Incursions/Excursions</i>		\$10
Total Curriculum Contributions	SENIOR	\$140.00*
Total Curriculum Contributions	JUNIOR	\$110.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities		Amount
		\$
Total Other Contributions		\$

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Omeo Primary School offers a range of optional 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Skiing Grades 2-6- Price determined each year	TBA
School camps. The amount here varies depending on the camp duration and location. The school subsidises travel and camp cost for most camps opportunities.	TBA
Other activities eg: Cross Country Skiing day, Incursions and Excursions will be advised through the newsletter and permissions forms.	TBA
Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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

Andrea Shepherd

Ph: 03 51591313 | Email: Omeo.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Category	Totals
Curriculum Contributions	\$140
Other Contributions	
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Camps or related activities e.g sleep over. Skiing program	TBA
Total	\$ 140

Payment methods

Direct credit to **School bank details CBA: BSB: 063-857; Account No: 10006685.**

Please mark your transaction with family name and what it is for eg: **Shepherd Fees 22**

Cash to the office (preferred days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

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.

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.