**Omeo Primary School**

**Parent Payments**

**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 such as a 6 day Swimming program ; various whole school incursions and excursions that reinforce in classroom learning ; maintaining our library and STEM centre.

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

*Yours sincerely,*

*Principal: Jeff Wilson (Acting)*

*School Council President: Stuart Pendergast*

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| **Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
| *Classroom consumables, materials , equipment, whole school programs and experiences**Eg: Art, Science, Mathematics, English, Sports, Health, Welfare and Wellbeing etc*  | $160 |
| **Total Curriculum Contributions**  | **$160** |
| **Total Curriculum Contributions (Grade 6 ONLY - subsidised for Swimming Programme)**  | **$*130.00*** |
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| **Other Contributions -** for non-curriculum items and activities | **Amount** |
|  | $0 |
| **Total Other Contributions** | **$0** |
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**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.

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| **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, any extra Incursions and Excursions will be advised through the newsletter and permission forms. | TBA |
| **Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** | **TBA**  |

### Financial Support for Families

Omeo Primary Schoolunderstands 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 andrea.shepherd@education.vic.gov.au

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

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| Category | Totals |
| Curriculum Contributions | $130 |
| Swimming Programme  | $30 |
| Curriculum Contributions (Grade 6 only)  | $130 |
| Extra-Curricular Items and ActivitiesCamps or related activities e.g sleep over. Ski program | TBA |
| **Total** | **$ 160** |

### 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 24**

**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.

**Motion to School Council presented: 15/11/2023**

‘Omeo School Council endorses the Parent Payment Policy for 2024’

Moved: Toby Hill Seconded: Louise Marsden

**parent PAYMENTS policy**

**ONE PAGE OVERVIEW**

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|  | 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.
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|  | PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTSSchools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

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| Curriculum ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. | Other ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school’s functions and objectives. | Extra-Curricular Items and ActivitiesItems 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).
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|  | 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.
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|  | 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.
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