



Dear Parent/Carer,

Ashburton Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ashburton Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

To support our planning, we would really appreciate your contribution by 19/12/2025 but we will be grateful for contributions at any time of the year.

The school receives its primary funding from the Department of Education. This funding is provided as an amount per child each year and is designed to cover essential requirements associated with teaching the basic curriculum. The parent contributions we receive enable us to provide a truly comprehensive and enriching program for our students – with a diverse range of educational activities and opportunities – over and above those associated with the basic curriculum. All contributions are voluntary. We are grateful and thank families present and past who have made contributions that enable the school to provide a learning experience that goes above and beyond.

Parent/Carers voluntary contributions make a significant difference to the quality of our programs. This financial support ensures that we can continue to provide an excellent range of facilities and resources for your children. Your support in 2025 allowed us to:

- Provide high quality programs and specific subject materials and equipment for: English, Mathematics, Science, Visual Art, Performing Arts, STEM, our Library, Japanese, PMP and PE.
- Maintain and develop the school grounds, including gardens, playgrounds, learning spaces and structures
- Ensure the upkeep of our digital devices and technical infrastructure to enhance learning opportunities.
- Maintain sufficient class sets of books for students to develop their reading skills, including the purchase of new decodables
- Purchase specialised equipment and resources including dice, counters, digital scales for Mathematics, digital microscopes for Science, robotic kits for STEM, refreshed sporting equipment for PE, Sport and PMP as well as maintaining supplies in our Art Room.
- Subscribe students to online learning portals and platforms such as Essential Assessment

Parents/families are able to pay in one single installment or to contribute flexibly across the year. The easiest way to do so is via Compass under "Course Confirmation.. Should you wish to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact our friendly office staff.

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

Yours sincerely,

Justin Hone
Principal

Daniel Arnephy
School Council President

Curriculum - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Literacy, Numeracy & Connected Learning Consumables - including Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Japanese and PE - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum, including class libraries and equipment, STEM materials, instruments and multi media equipment	\$185
Digital Subscriptions & Assessments – including but not limited to Classroom specific requirements such as Essential Assessment, Reading Eggs, Mosyle, Mappen, ACER, online standardised testing	\$75
Information and Communication Technology Contribution - (ICT) contribution is used to support the maturing technological, maintenance and server/system needs of students at Ashburton Primary School	\$85
Other - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount \$
School Support Contribution/Grounds maintenance - These contributions directly fund grounds and garden maintenance and improvements	\$120
First Aid costs and materials - These contributions directly fund the supply of first aid materials and equipment, such as ice packs, band aids, gloves, Epipens, Ventolins, excursion, yard duty and camp first aid bags, as well as contributing to first aid assistance	\$40
Fundraising Contribution These contributions directly fund school improvements such as upgrade to facilities, playgrounds, and classrooms, as well as updating equipment and furnishings	\$100
Tax deductible contributions	
Library Fund - A tax-deductible contribution assists with the purchasing of books, literacy resources, training and learning activities that take place within the library space. .	\$
Building Fund – A tax deductible item to the Building and Maintenance Fund permits the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of school buildings and facilities	\$
Sub Total Amount	\$605
Total Amount including Tax deductible contributions	\$

Educational items for students to own

In 2026 Ashburton Primary School will be having Book Packs supplied via Campion Education. There will be some variation between book packs depending on which year level your child is in for 2026.

NOTE: If parents/guardians choose to provide equivalent materials themselves, this should be done in consultation with the classroom teacher, and items should meet the specifications provided by the school. Book pack content lists can be made available upon request.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ashburton Primary 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Extra-Curricular items and activities will be charged via Compass at the same time as a request for consent.

This covers programs such as the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival, the Prep to Year 4 Swimming Program, Years 4, 5 and 6 extra-curricular activities i.e., Sport and Human Development sessions. These items are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program and are offered to all students.

Financial Support for Families

Ashburton 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

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Claire Bartlett Ph: 03 9813-9400 | Email: ashburton.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Ashburton Primary School accepts EFTPOS, cash, and payment via Compass.

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.

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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- 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.