Dear Parent/Carer

Devon Meadows Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Devon Meadows Primary School’s voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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’s 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 has allowed us to implement the new PLD literacy program, laptop computers in 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5/6, iPads in Foundation, Mathletics, Essential Assessment as well as a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences such as AUSLAN and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

**Schools Saving Bonus – one off $400 per student**

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

* camps, trips, excursions and incursions
* swimming and sporting programs
* outdoor education programs
* graduations
* school uniforms
* textbooks. (excludes exercise books/classroom supplies)

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

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Yours sincerely,

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Principal School Council President

## 2025 parent payments & voluntary contributions –

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Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items for your child/ren. Devon Meadows Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2025.

### Essential Student Learning Items

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| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
| *Year Foundation - 6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment*   * *Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper* * *Mathematics – numeracy blocks* * *English – book boxes* * *Science - equipment* * *Sports – equipment* | $75 |
| *Online Subscriptions*   * *Mathletics* * *Essential Assessment* * *Typing Tournament* | $40 |
| *Year Foundation - 6 ICT Devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets* | $5 |
| *Year Foundation - 6 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials* | $10 |
| **Other Contributions -** for non-curriculum items and activities | **Amount** |
| *School Sports Victoria membership* | $5 |
| *Student wellbeing programs* | $5 |
| *First aid equipment* | $5 |
| *School grounds maintenance and improvements (per family)* | $50 |
| *Donation for families in need* | $10 |
| **Total Amount** | **$** |

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Devon Meadows 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 in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school.

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| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount | Purchase  (Please tick) |
| *Optional Year 5/6 school camp* | TBA |  |
| *Optional Year 3/4 school camp* | TBA |  |
| *Optional Year 2 Big Arvo In* | TBA |  |
| **Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities** | | **$TBA** |

### Financial Support for Families

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

* the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

Bobbie Andrews

Ph: 03 5998 2304 | Email: devon.meadows.ps@education.vic.gov.au

**Total**

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| Category | Suggested Amount | Total Amount |
| Curriculum Contributions | $130.00 | $ |
| Other Contributions | $75.00 | $ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | $TBA | $ |

### Payment methods

### Cash or EFT at the office.

* Internet Transfer: BSB - 063 093 Account Number – 10001987. Use student surname and a description of what payment is for.
* Compass Pay

### 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/Guardian signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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 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). |

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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. |