



SILVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT PAYMENT 2018

Dear Parents,

Silverton Primary School Council is proud of the excellent facilities that students enjoy, and indeed, very few schools match the numerous programs and resources we have on offer to cater for students' needs and interests. However, these do not come without some extra cost involved.

The Government allocates schools with some funds to provide staff, administration, buildings, children's desks and chairs, photocopiers, maintenance, cleaning, utilities such as electricity and telephone as well as administrative computers and security. Also provided are limited funds for some resources to be used to support the numerous curriculum programs we have here at Silverton.

School Council is also aware of the financial pressures placed on parents from time to time and has therefore recommended keeping the Parent Payment to an **absolute minimum**, even though costs have increased significantly over the past few years.

The Parent Payment for 2018 is made up of two components.

1.	Essential Education Items	\$120.00 per child
	INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES	
	Children will receive the necessary individual items of stationery equipment required for their grade level. This will include items such as: - Subject work book – Literacy, Numeracy, LOTE, Science, Discovery & Integrated Journals, paper, folders, etc.	\$40.00
	CLASSROOM SUPPLIES (kept in Learning Centres)	
	These include items such as: classroom consumables, visual art supplies, cooking consumables, sporting equipment, media art resources and science materials.	\$40.00
	MATERIALS FOR LEARNING & TEACHING	\$40.00
	This includes textbooks, Readers / Book club Literature Books, Math resources, Digital Literacy resources – DRA / Mathletics / Robotics / STEM / media and computer resources.	
2.	Suggested Voluntary Financial Contribution	\$20.00
	Digital Technology Upgrade Buildings maintenance and upgrades Grounds and garden maintenance	

Essential Education Item paid in FULL by Friday 22nd December 2017 will receive a discount of \$20.

Essential Education Item paid in FULL by Friday 9th February 2018 will receive a discount of \$10.

Please note: The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) allocation **cannot** be used towards Parent Contribution.

Daud Ally
School Council President

Amanda Prosser
Principal



Parent payment options

Please complete & return with your payment to school office and a receipt will be issued.

NAME GRADE

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Please indicate your preferred method of payment, by placing a ✓ in the box.

- Essential Education Item paid in FULL by Friday 22nd December 2017 \$100.00 per child**
- Essential Education Item paid in FULL by Friday 9th February 2018 \$110.00 per child**
- Essential Education Item paid in four instalments of \$30.00 due 1st day of each term
- Voluntary Financial Contribution (any amount greatly appreciated) \$
- Centrepay – information available at office

- **Split Billing** – *If you are sharing the educational costs of your child/ren, please advise the office*
- **Financial Assistance** - *If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the Principal or Business Manager on 9795 5033 or in person, to discuss alternative arrangements. All discussions are confidential*

(Payment can be made by cash / cheque / eftpos / Direct Deposit – Details on reverse)

OFFICE USE ONLY			
DFR	Amount	Type	Date

Please charge this to my MasterCard / Visa / Bankcard

Total \$ _____

Card number: _____

Expiry date ____ / ____

Cardholder's name _____ Telephone Number () _____

Signature of Cardholder _____

OR

Direct Deposit Details: BSB 063-244 a/c # 0090-1052

Please ensure your child's Surname & 'PARENTPAY' are included as the description & return this form with details below

Name: _____ Date deposited: _____

Reference No. _____ Amount: \$ _____

OR

Please send me information on Centrepay

I have registered for Centrepay

Understanding Parent Payment Categories

Schools

What does the legislation say?

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for free instruction in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

In the Act, a 'Parent' includes a guardian and every person who has parental responsibility for a child including parental responsibility under the Commonwealth Family Law Act 1975 and any person with whom a child normally or regularly resides.

What do schools pay for as part of 'free instruction'?



Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program, including reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.

The standard curriculum for Years F-10 means implementation of the Victorian Curriculum F-10.

The standard curriculum for senior secondary schools means a program that enables a student to be awarded a VCE or VCAL qualification.

What principles govern parent payment practice?

Educational Value | Access, Equity & Inclusion | Affordability
Engagement & Support | Respect & Confidentiality | Transparency & Accountability

Parents

What may parents be asked to pay for?

Schools can request payment for Essential Student Learning Items



These are items, activities or services that the school deems **essential** to student learning of the standard curriculum.

Where practical and appropriate, parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide their own.

These may also be either:

Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of

- e.g.
- textbooks, activity books, exercise books
 - stationery, book bags
 - student ID cards, locks
 - cooking ingredients students will consume
 - materials for final products that students take home (technology projects, build-your-own kits, dioramas)
 - Picture Exchange Communication Systems

Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend

i.e. travel, entry fees or accommodation

- e.g.
- excursions
 - incursions
 - school sports
 - work placements

Parents can be asked to pay for items, activities and services in the three Parent Payment Categories:

Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Schools determine how items, activities and services are classified within these categories based on the learning and teaching program of their school.

Schools can request payment for Optional Items

These are items, activities or services that are **optional** and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.

Students may access these on a user-pays basis.

These may be either:

Items the student purchases or hires

- e.g.
- school magazines, class photos
 - functions, formals, graduation dinners
 - materials for extra curricular programs
 - student accident insurance

Activities the student purchases

- e.g.
- fees for extra curricular programs or activities, such as instrumental music tuition
 - fees for guest speakers
 - camps, excursions, incursions, sports
 - entry fees for school run performances

Items and/or materials that are more expensive than required to meet the standard curriculum

- e.g.
- use of silver in metal work instead of copper
 - supplementary exam revision guides

Support for families experiencing hardship is available at every school and each school has a parent payment contact person. See your school's policy for more information.

For more information on Parent Payments and Personal Devices, visit the DET website at: www.education.vic.gov.au

Schools can invite **Voluntary Financial Contributions** for



- e.g.
- Building or Library fund (Tax deductible)
 - Voluntary contributions for a specific purpose, such as equipment, materials, services.
 - General voluntary contributions