

2021 Parent Payment Arrangements

Pearcedale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the Essential Student Learning Items and parent payment arrangements for 2021.

The Essential Student Learning Items charge is a cost that the school incurs by purchasing on your behalf items such as stationery, cooking ingredients, materials and online subscriptions to learning activities.

Pearcedale Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of Essential Student Learning Items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents through careful selection and bulk buying of individual student items.

Please find the payment schedule for Foundation to Year 6 attached. Please complete the attached 2021 Parent Payment Schedule and return to the office by Friday 20 November 2020, so that the school can order your child's individual Essential Student Learning Items for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items per student, please refer to Compass for a full list of year level items							
	Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
TOTAL	\$190.00	\$155.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$135.00	\$145.00

Optional Item Year 2 and 3 Musical Instrument – Recorder	\$8.00
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Voluntary Contributions - please see reverse side of the letter	
Parent Contribution (Non Tax Deductible)– suggested voluntary contribution per student	\$100.00
Grounds and Building Maintenance (Non Tax Deductible)–suggested voluntary contribution per family	\$80.00

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

2021 PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

- Payment in full by 28 January 2021 via [Compass](#)
 - Compass will open for all payments from the 1 December 2020 – 14 December 2020
 - Compass will be closed to payments from 15 December 2020 – 17 January 2021
 - 2021 Compass will be open for all payments from 18 January 2021 – 28 January 2021
- Payment by BPAY (please contact the office for your reference number)
- For a confidential discussion regarding alternative payment arrangements, contact: Donna Holland or Annette Jones on 5978 6250 or email pearcedale.ps@education.vic.gov.au before Monday 14 December 2020.

For further information on the department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one page overview attached or visit the School Website: pearcedaleschool.com.au.

2021 Voluntary Contributions

Pearcedale Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school. We are proud of the high quality education we provide.

Whilst we follow the Victorian Curriculum Standards we offer a wide a range of extra curricula activities to help develop and engage your children. We have excellent facilities and provide specialist learning areas in Digital Technologies, Library, Performing Arts, Science, Physical Education and Visual Arts. We have exemplary Teaching and Education Support Staff who genuinely care for your child's education and wellbeing.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) provides funding to schools through the Student Resource Package to fund the teaching staff, administration and provision of facilities in connection with the standard curriculum program. However, this amount is insufficient to cover all the educational costs of your child along with innovative technology and improving facilities within the school.

We therefore rely on Parent Voluntary Contributions to achieve the important goal of giving our students maximum opportunity for a high quality education in well maintained facilities and grounds.

We, as a school community, can only achieve this important goal if parents support our request for contributions. You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 which includes development of a bike enclosure which will also serve as a community rotunda and redevelopment of the Performing Arts building as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined below:

Parent Contribution — \$100.00 suggested contribution (per child)

This enables us to fund many items which we consider essential within the school but are not directly funded by the Department of Education and Training.

These include:- updated and additional furniture, additional technology equipment (iPads), audio visual equipment, specialised science/maths/DT equipment (Drones, Spheros, Makey Makeys, Dash and Dot and new Bluebots) and musical equipment for school performances (including the school band and choir).

Grounds / Building Maintenance Contribution — \$80.00 suggested contribution (per family)

This helps fund the ongoing maintenance of our grounds and gardens as well as helping to maintain and develop our school facilities. This includes:- the ability to employ a school handyman and a garden contractor for the beautification of the garden areas, upkeep of the artificial turf areas, playground equipment and shade sails.

We are proud of our school and with your support, will continue to maintain and develop both the buildings and grounds for the benefit of students and the local community.

Parent and Grounds and Building Maintenance voluntary contributions to the school are Non tax deductible.

School Council has always appreciated the contributions that parents of Pearcedale Primary School have made towards their children's education, and know we can rely on your support in the future.

Alternative payment arrangements for these contributions are also available on Compass if you would prefer to pay by instalments.

We understand that the start of the school year can be an expensive time for families but would very much appreciate your favourable response to this request for parent contributions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Anderson
Principal

Ben Wilkinson
School Council President