



Dear SGPS Families,

South Geelong Primary School is looking forward to another fantastic year of teaching and learning in 2026. We'd like to share information about our **voluntary financial contributions**, as well as class, specialist curriculum, and extra-curricular items and activities for the year ahead.

Parent contributions, in any form, help us provide a rich and engaging learning program for all students. We take great pride in the work we do with and for your children, and we're grateful to our school community for continuing to prioritise these curriculum contributions.

While Victorian government schools provide free instruction for the standard curriculum, all contributions are **voluntary**. Any money received or raised by the school directly supports our learning programs and the maintenance and improvement of our buildings and grounds.

Thank you for your ongoing support—whether through contributions, fundraising, or volunteering. It all makes a meaningful difference to the quality of education and resources we can offer every student at South Geelong Primary School.

For more details on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please refer to the attached one-page overview.

Yours sincerely,

Leanne Dowling
Principal

Caitlin Jaques
School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Foundation	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5	Year 6
General Classroom consumables, materials, and equipment. Posters/charts, class sets, take home books, classroom libraries, maths equipment etc. Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials.	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Online Resources & Subscriptions: Platforms utilised across all year levels to support student learning. Mathletics/Numbots/TTRock Stars Epic and Reading Eggs Nessy – Literacy Sunshine Online Essential Assessments Jamf – online learning and safety platform	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
SPECIALIST PROGRAMS					
Science & Technology - consumables, materials & equipment for science experiments and construction e.g., icy pole sticks, glue, cardboard, plasticine, cooking ingredients, chemicals etc.	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Art – paint & creative materials: drawing, painting, design & construction, oil pastels, charcoal, paints, pva glue, pens, craft paper, clay, inks etc.	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Music / Performing Arts – Materials & equipment, instruments, music & drama materials.	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Physical Education & Sport - Materials & equipment, ribbons, awards, recess and lunchtime resources, class sports.	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities					
First aid equipment	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Total Amount	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00



Tax deductible contributions					
Building fund					
A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Library fund					
A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Total Amount	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities


South Geelong 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. These and other extra-curricular items and activities will need to be paid for throughout the year as they arise or if they are required. These are approximate costs.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Foundation	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5	Year 6
Athletics Sports Carnival	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Puberty Education	-	-	-	\$35.00	\$35.00
Life Ed Van	-	-	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Intensive Swimming Program (extra-curricular component)	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
End of year Celebration/Activity	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Gymnastics – Prep - 2	\$50.00	\$50.00	-	-	-
Year 6 Jumper and Shirt	-	-	-	-	\$90.00
Inquiry of Study Excursion	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	-	-
Camps	-			TBC	TBC
Interschool Sports program	-	-	-	\$18.00	\$18.00
Other optional camps and excursions to be scheduled	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised



Educational items for Students to Own

Attached is a list of items that South Geelong Primary School recommends you purchase from **WINC Schools** for your child to individually own and use.

PAYMENT OPTIONS	
Winc – booklist provider (preferred method)	Pay for school contributions when ordering your booklist items on the wincschools website: www.wincschools.com.au
Compass – our communication platform for all information	Pay via Compass in Course Confirmation and Payments – located on your students Dashboard: 
	Course Confirmation/School Payments Course Confirmation and / or school payments available for completion Click here to proceed
BPay	Payment made directly to the school by using your Bpay biller code and reference number. Please contact the office for your Bpay biller code.
Credit Card, EFTPOS, or cash	Pay directly to the office

Financial Support for Families

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

- CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is available for
- State Schools Relief
- Payment Plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact our Business Manager, Leonie Barnett, on 5221 4047 or email geelong.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. All refunds must be made in writing by completing a Refund Request Form. 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.