



PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent

Rosanna Golf Links PS is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Rosanna Golf Links PS's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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.

Next year we are piloting a BYOD program for our Year 3 students. As you know, there are various options for families within this pilot. If you are opting for the school preferred option, please disregard the Curriculum Contributions - ICT Devices payment.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer additional curriculum programs like our new stand alone STEM program in 2023; a well resourced P.E. program; additional resources for a new Performing Arts program; faster WIFI and internet and constant new resourcing in our library and for our core curriculum areas.

Rosanna Golf Links PS makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. Optional Items including a comprehensive Instrumental program, give our students access to high level content outside of the standard curriculum. The RGLPS School Council has made considerable effort to ensure that our fee structure is fair and provides a number of options to support parents to access the materials and services associated with their child's education.

This year we are acutely aware of the financial impact inflation and rising interest rates has had on families. As a result we have once again made a concerted effort to reduce the fees by minimising essential items as much as possible.

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

Yours sincerely,

Kirrily Lamers

Principal

Matthew Oates

School Council President

Rosanna Golf Links PS

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| Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
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| Year 3 classroom consumables, materials & equipment | |
| Book Bag General classroom materials and equipment (e.g. shared classroom stationery, paper, posters/charts, craft items, classroom libraries, readers, tissues) | \$85 |
| Assessments (Essential Assessments, ACER PAT Testing) | \$15 |
| Student planners / diaries | \$8 |
| Art – this includes but not limited to, glitter, coloured paper, cardboard, paint and craft materials, clay | \$20 |
| Science – this includes but not limited to, batteries, aluminium foil, baking soda, Light bulbs, seeds, plastic cups, vinegar, pipettes chemicals | \$15 |
| <i>Year 3 Online Subscriptions</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seesaw</i> • <i>Mathletics</i> • <i>Reading A-Z</i> • <i>Readwriter Spelling</i> | \$8 \$14 \$10 \$10 |
| Year 3 ICT Devices | \$50 |
| Provision and upkeep of school devices, peripherals and ICT | |
| Year 3 Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials | \$10 |
| TOTAL | \$245 |

Other Contributions

Rosanna Golf Links PS continues to welcome your other contributions to support our school.

You can make a general contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2023 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below. We greatly appreciate your support as our exceptional programs and opportunities for children are possible in part due to this generosity.

| Tax deductible contributions | Amount |
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| Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. | Eg \$20, \$50 or \$70 |
| Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. | Eg \$20, \$50 or \$70 |
| Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities | |

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| <i>General voluntary contributions towards classroom materials, class sets and school equipment – eg class sets of scissors or textbooks; science equipment and materials for experiments; sports equipment.</i> | Eg \$20, \$50 or \$70 |
| <i>ICT Contribution – Support the 1:1 ratio of devices provided by the school.</i> | Eg \$20, \$50 or \$70 |
| <i>Specialised Instrumental Music program – this is used to purchase instruments and furniture.</i> | Eg \$20, \$50 or \$70 |
| <i>School grounds maintenance and improvements/Facilities Master Plan Contribution – this is to support the development of gardens and grounds.</i> | Eg \$20, \$50 or \$70 |
| Year 3 Whole School Events House Athletics Carnival – entry and transport | TBA |
| <i>School Sports Victoria membership</i> | \$7 |
| TOTAL | \$ |

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Rosanna Golf Links 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.

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | Amount | Purchase (Please tick) |
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| <i>Optional Year 3 excursions to be scheduled</i> | TBA | |
| <i>Optional academic competitions (Maths Olympiad, GATEWAYS)</i> | TBA | |
| <i>Activity Charge Year 3 – 6 Instrumental Music Training band or Junior Concert Band (per term)</i> | \$125 | |
| <i>Activity Charge Year 3 – 6 Instrumental Music Intermediate Concert Band or Senior Concert Band (per term) \$125</i> | \$125 | |
| <i>Optional Year 3 – 6 Piano Lessons individual student (per lesson) \$40</i> | \$40 | |
| <i>Optional Year 3 – 6 Piano Lessons group (per student) \$28 per lesson</i> | \$28 | |
| <i>Activity Charge Band Program (per semester) \$10.00</i> | \$10 | |
| <i>Activity Charge Piano (per semester) \$10.00</i> | \$10 | |
| Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities | TOTAL | \$ |

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Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- KidsAssist through Diamond Valley Community Support Inc
- Payment Plans for Extra -Curricular items and Activities

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

Susan Gorham, Business Manager *Ph: 03 4957 4178 | Email: susan.gorham@education.vic.gov.au*

Payment methods

- *EFTPOS in person or over the phone*
- *BPay*
- *Direct Deposit*
- *Compass Course Confirmation portal in full or via payment plan*

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) 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.