



NEW GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families

New Gisborne Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

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 direct financial contribution, 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 continue to offer enhanced learning opportunities for each and every one of our students.

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

Financial Support for Families

New Gisborne Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and we offer a range of support options, including:

- CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
- State Schools' Relief
- Flexible payment arrangements
- Attendance at excursions / camps / sports from Student Welfare Funds for those not eligible for CSEF
- Use of 1:1 iPad

If you would like further information, our [Financial Hardship Policy](#) can be found on our website. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services please contact:

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Payment Methods

- Compass
- Qkr!
- BPay
- EFTPOS

Refunds

Schools have the discretion to provide refunds. Refunds will be considered on a case by case basis where it is reasonable and fair (for example, where the school has not incurred a cost). If the school has incurred a cost, the school will act reasonably and take into consideration the Financial Hardship Policy and relevant arrangements, including support for families experiencing hardship. Refunds will be applied to the student's school account, available for future use, unless the student has transferred from the school in which case alternative arrangements will be made with the family.

Yours sincerely

Shane West
Principal

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School Council President

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.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Foundation classroom consumables, materials & equipment - General Stationery Pack (\$56) - Visual Art - materials, paints, glues, clay and plaster (\$30) - Physical Education - equipment (\$8) - LOTE - workbooks, materials, ingredients, equipment (\$6) - Science - learning materials, equipment (\$8) - Performing Arts - costuming, props, music equipment, song lyrics (\$20)	\$128
Foundation Online Subscriptions - Seesaw (\$7) - Mathseeds (\$27)	\$34
Foundation Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$23
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student wellbeing programs	\$7
First aid equipment	\$8
School grounds maintenance and improvement	\$50
Total Amount	\$250

Educational items for students to own

A list of recommended items for you to purchase for your child to individually own and use can be provided upon request.



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Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

New Gisborne 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.

An opportunity to purchase an item or activity for your child, will be provided throughout the school year and may include the following:

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount (to be advised)
School Photos (individual package choice)	\$
Foundation Intraschool Sports Events	\$ TBA
Foundation Other Excursions / Events	\$ TBA
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBC

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions (suggested \$185)	\$
Other Contributions (suggested \$65)	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$ TBA