

2022 PARENT PAYMENTS

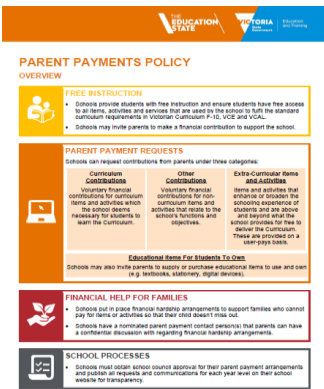
Dear Invermay PS parents/guardians,

Victorian 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 of 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.

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Invermay Primary school's voluntary and optional financial contributions for 2022. Contributions requests in all Victorian government schools are arranged under the following categories:

- Curriculum Contributions
- Other Contributions
- Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices) from third party suppliers.



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY
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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum.	Items and activities that enhance or extend the school's experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the curriculum. These are provided on a non-price basis.

Educational Items For Students To Own

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 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 contributions for each year level on their school website for transparency.

***For further information on these categories,
as outlined in the Victorian
Department of Education's 2022
Parent Payments Policy,
please refer to the final page
overview in this pack (as pictured).***

Yours sincerely,

Justin Marshman
Principal

Dallas Warren
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount	(Please tick if appropriate)
Curriculum Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter • Mathematics – consumable materials & resources • Science – consumable materials & resources 	\$30	
Online student subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Essential Assessment (annual)</i> • <i>Raz Readers (annual)</i> 	\$15 \$9	
iPad - provision of a device to your child from shared classroom sets (P-2) for classroom and remote learning at home Chromebook - provision of a device to your child from shared classroom sets (Gr 3-6) for classroom and remote learning at home	\$55	
Semester 1 Classroom Music Experiences (F-2 only)	\$20	
Total - Curriculum Contributions	\$	

Other Contributions

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount	(Please tick if appropriate)
School Playground Improvements	\$25	
Online Communication Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xuno Parent Portal (annual) 	\$18	
Total - Other Contributions	\$	

****payments for CURRICULUM & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS are welcome at any time in Term 1**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Invermay PS 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by February 1st, 2022. Payment is not required at this time.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	(Please tick if appropriate)
<u>2022 OPTIONAL P-5 Swimming and Gymnastics – Ballarat Aquatic Centre</u> <i>This program will be FREE for all Yr 6 students in 2022 and has been subsidised by 10% for all other grade levels using DET funding</i> Optional weekly lessons proposed for Term 4 2022. Price includes 45min swim class in small groups; 45 min GymFun class in small groups; & transport to and from Ballarat Aquatic Centre	\$130	
<u>Specialist Tennis, Golf, Guitar & Ukelele - optional instruction for all Gr 1-6 students</u> Coaching during school hours each Monday or Thursday with some of the best coaches in regional Victoria. Students pay and commit to 14 lessons per semester.	\$150 per semester	
<u>Invermay PS P-6 Athletics Carnival – Llanberris Athletics Centre</u> Term 1 2022 – pro rata facility and equipment hire	\$8	
<u>Life Education</u> Term 3 incursion and classroom lessons P-6 Trained teachers visit schools across Victoria to empower kids with the knowledge and strategies to deal with the harder choices and topics in a kids life. The Life Education team will visit Invermay PS over two days in Term 3, 2022. Key Victorian Curriculum topics addressed at appropriate age levels include: FRIENDSHIPS, CYBER SAFETY, HEALTH + WELLBEING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS, DRUGS + ALCOHOL	\$15	
<u>Camp</u> No Gr 3-6 Camp costs scheduled for 2022. Our next Gr 3-6 camp experience is Beach Camp in 2023	-	
<u>Mothers Day Stall – Term 2</u>	\$6	
<u>Fathers Day Stall – Term 3</u>	\$6	
**Staff will also consider smaller excursion and incursion opportunities that arise throughout the school year linked to student learning, student wellbeing and student enjoyment. These will be optional. Prices & details to be advised during 2022 as opportunities arise.	TBC	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	\$	

****payments for these optional & extra curricular items may be made any time before the activity**

Additional educational items for students to own

IPS Council also recommend families purchase listed booklist items from third party providers for your child/ren to individually own and use:

- **Grade Booklists** will be made available to families by *Campion Education Ballarat* (formerly known as *Ballarat Books*) in the first week of December 2021
- Online, instore, electronic and cash ordering options are all available

Additional educational items for students to own	Recommended for	Cost
<p>P - 6 Recommended Book Lists</p> <p>Itemised grade booklists are available through third party supplier <i>Campion Education</i> (formerly known as <i>Ballarat Books</i>) from the first week of December for the following year.</p>	All grades	TBC first week of December 2021

Financial Support for Families

Schools must consider assistance to families experiencing financial hardship on a confidential and case by case basis. Invermay PS staff and school council understand that some families may experience cash flow difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the opportunity to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- significantly subsidising sport & music specialist coaching fees
- the opportunity to negotiate incremental fortnightly payments on optional events and excursions
- supporting families to access State Schools Relief

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

- Business Manager - Karen Rieniets karen.rieniets@education.vic.gov.au or 5332 6396
- Principal - Justin Marshman justin.marshman@education.vic.gov.au or 5332 6396

Your school contribution summary for 2022:

STUDENT NAME:

2022 GRADE:

CATEGORIES	Please add your contribution total for each section
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$

****payments for CURRICULUM & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to Invermay PS using the methods below and are welcome at any time during Term 1.**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
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****payments for optional EXTRA CURRICULAR items may be made to Invermay PS using the options below any time before the activity**

Payment methods

Our school council and staff have been trialling an online payment and parent information tool known as XUNO, which our school council have approved for roll out with all families during the 2022 school year. Activity and excursion notes may be approved and paid for online using XUNO. Absences can be reported by families and recorded by teachers quickly and easily using XUNO. Class and whole school updates and correspondence can also be shared using XUNO. It will become our one stop shop' for home-school communications.

Along with online payment options using our XUNO, our two existing payment methods for families will remain for all school activities:

- **Cash – in a named and clearly marked envelope. Please ask your child to present to their teacher.**
- **EFT – Invermay PS BSB: 063502 A/C: 10137566**

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are 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 of whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy & Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

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Other Contributions

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