

Hawthorn West Primary School is proud to provide a rich and stimulating learning environment for our students.

The resources and facilities that we enjoy today represent the contributions made by our parent community over many years.

Funding to meet the school's budget comes from three sources:

1. DET (Department of Education and Training) Student Resource Package
2. Parent Payments, through Voluntary Contributions, including the Tax-Deductible Building Fund and Curriculum Contributions (formerly Essential Items)
3. Local fundraising, including a valued contribution from our Parents Group through fundraising.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary, however we do rely heavily upon parent financial contributions to meet the difference between funds from the Student Resource Package and our budgeted expenditure each year.

School Council is grateful for the additional support parents provide by volunteering their time and efforts and conducting important fundraising, which has resulted in exceptional resources and facilities for our students.

The school only requests contributions for items that we believe add value to the school experience for our students. The contributions go specifically towards items and activities that enhance your child's education.

Curriculum Contributions

Classroom consumables, stationery, and equipment:

This includes everyday classroom items needed to learn the essential curriculum. Hawthorn West Primary Schools purchases all classroom and specialist class equipment in bulk. This ensures that your child/ren are supplied with the best quality items at the cheapest rate. All equipment is supplied on site with no further purchases required by parents.

Online Subscriptions/Digital Learning:

This includes computer applications such as *Mappen (Inquiry)*, *Manga High*, *Matifica*, *Oliver (Library) - Sora and eBooks: Bug Club, Epic, Story Box*

2. Extra-curricular items and activities

Hawthorn West Primary School offers a range of activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the standard curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Although the activities such as camps, excursions, sports, music lessons form a valuable part of the school experience, parents/guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates. If your child does not participate in any extra-curricular activity, alternative arrangements can be made for your child. Parents will be provided information about these activities throughout the school year, via the Compass Portal.

3. Other Contributions

School Council invites families to contribute to other vital areas, which are essential to the provision of the quality programs and educational experiences we offer to all students at Heidelberg Primary School.

Suggested voluntary contributions are:

Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.

Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to ensure that books, equipment, furniture and other materials are up to date and our students continue to enjoy access to a well resourced library.

For further information - [DET Parent Payments Policy](#).

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 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

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.