



2021 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent,

Rosewood Downs PS is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for **Prep 2021** attached.

Rosewood Downs makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

As in previous years, we have arranged the day prior to the start of school for parents to make their fee payments and collect their student book packs. This will take place on **Wednesday 27th January**. School will be open from **8:45am – 4:00pm** for you to visit school, make payment and collect books.

Financial Support for Families

Rosewood Downs understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State School Relief
- Payment Plan by request

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

Brenda Carothers, Business Manager

Phone: 9795 3744 | Email: Brenda.Carothers@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

- EFTPOS – over the phone 9795 3744 or at the school office
- Cash
- Cheque (Payable to Rosewood Downs PS)

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

Yours sincerely,

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Julian Growcott
Principal

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Gosia Zastawnik
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE

PREP

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. Rosewood Downs also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Item	Amount
Student Stationery Pack Exercise books, scrapbooks, pencils, whiteboard markers, display book, markers, glue sticks, book box, Kluwell Home Reading Journal, take home reader bag and handwriting book.	\$52
Literacy & Numeracy Online Subscriptions Storybox Online, Softlink, Wushka, Twinkl and Sunshine Online.	\$37
Visual Arts, STEM and Integrated Studies Materials & Consumables Paper, cardboard, clay, clag, PVA glue, textiles, origami paper, rubber bands, string, plates, feathers, beads, cotton balls, wire, sequins, balloons, balsa wood, construction kits, masking tape and cellophane.	\$48
Co-contribution to lease of Laptops and iPads Co-contribution to the lease costs of 1:1 ICT devices including student laptops and iPads.	\$40
Awards & Sport Ribbons, medals, certificates and awards.	\$4
TOTAL	\$181

Optional Items

Rosewood Downs offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. At this stage, we are unable to confirm costs of these activities and events. Parents/Carers will pay and provide permission for these events through Compass as they arise.

Optional Item	Amount
Life Education	<i>To be advised.</i>
Swimming	<i>To be advised.</i>
Incursions	<i>To be advised.</i>
School Photos	<i>To be advised.</i>
Camps and Excursions	<i>To be advised.</i>
TOTAL	TBC

Voluntary Contributions

Rosewood Downs continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students. This includes making further upgrades to our grounds with landscaping and a new playground to be installed along with the purchase of new desktops and laptops for student use.

You can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family
Buildings and grounds upgrades	No	\$30
ICT equipment	No	\$20
Classroom Supplies & Consumables Display books, pens, sheet protectors, whiteboard markers, laminating pouches, cover paper, cardboard, paint, staplers, straws, post-it notes, blu tack, tape, correction tape and copy paper.		\$44
	TOTAL	\$94

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Payment Details Form

The Payment Details form has been distributed to the eldest child of each family. Please bring the completed form with payment to the front office on **Wednesday 27th January 2021, 8:45am – 4:00pm.**

Once paid, book packs can be collected from the dance studio.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.