



Parent Payment Arrangements 2024

Dear Parents,

Rosewood Downs 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 2024. Please find the fee schedule for [Prep 2024](#) attached.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements 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. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. This year we received north of 80% contributions and this money was integral to allowing our students to receive equitable learning opportunities.

Within our school this support has allowed us to start to re-equip our classrooms with new resources, as we develop into a science of learning school, we will be required to purchase decodable readers as part of our synthetic phonics program. This money also goes towards expanding opportunities for our students. At RDPS we are mindful of the impact that inflation and rising interest rates have had on all of us. Rather than increasing our parent payments in line with inflation we have done everything we can to ensure that our parent payments are the exact same as 2023.

As in previous years, we have arranged the day prior to the start of school for parents to make their fee and student book pack payments. This will take place on **Monday 29th January** between **8:45am – 4:00pm**.

Financial Support for Families

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

- 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:

[Menik Weliange, Business Manager](#)

Phone: 9795 3744 | Email: Menik.Weliange@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

- EFTPOS – over the phone 9795 3744 or at the school office
- Cash

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

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jordan Warren in black ink.

Jordan Warren
Principal

Handwritten signature of Allison Esmonde in black ink.

Allison Esmonde
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE

Prep

Below is an itemised list of Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities. Rosewood Downs Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2024. Please complete the attached form (page 5) and bring it with you to Fee Payment Day on **Monday 29th January 2024**.

Curriculum Contributions

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase for your child to individually own and use. Please find a detailed list of the book pack items attached.

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials and equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Book Pack Including, but not limited to; Exercise books, scrapbooks, pencils, whiteboard markers, display book, markers, glue sticks, book box, Kluwell Home Reading Journal, take home reader bag, library bag and handwriting book.• Classroom Consumables, materials & equipment• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials• Specialist program consumables for Art, STEM, LOTE, Music and Physical Education	\$135
ICT and technology contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-contribution to the purchase and lease costs of ICT devices including student laptops and iPads, touch-screen TVs.• Digital Learning Pack Including, but not limited to; Essential Assessment, Softlink, Sunshine Online.	\$75
TOTAL	\$210

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Rosewood Downs offers a range of optional items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the curriculum. 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount
Swimming	TBC
Incursions	TBC
School Photos	TBC
Camps and Excursions	TBC
TOTAL	TBC

Other 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 facility upgrade priorities. Plans for 2024 include building flexible learning spaces that would allow both open and closed classroom environments and purchasing more decodable readers. The school strives to continually improve and upgrade all facilities available for our students to ensure that we provide the best spaces possible for your children to learn and play.

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

Other Contributions	Amount
Buildings and grounds upgrades (per family)	\$50
TOTAL	\$50

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.

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 regarding the payment.

FEE SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Prep

	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$210
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities	TBC
Building and Grounds Upgrades	\$50
TOTAL	\$260

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.



ROSEWOOD DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Payment Details

Please complete this form and bring it with you to Fee Payment Day on:

Monday 29th January 2024

8:45am – 4:00pm

Student Name/s	Year Level

Item	Amount	Paid
<u>Curriculum Contributions</u>		
Prep	\$210	
Year 1 & Year 2	\$200	
Year 3 & Year 4	\$210	
Year 5 & Year 6	\$215	
Optional Items	TBC	TBC
<u>Other Contributions</u>		
Buildings and Grounds Upgrades (per family)	\$50	
	TOTAL	\$

Cash EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Cards)

PRODUCT	QUANTITY
Faber Castlrell Tri-Grip Coloured Pencils Assorted Box 12	1
Micador Colourfun Markers Wallet 12	1
Educ8 Twist Crayons PK12	1
Educ8 Scrapbook Mini 64-page 165 x 245mm 100gsm	1
Educ8 Circus Scrapbook 64-page 100gsm	2
Educ8 24mm Writing Book Dotted 3rds 64-page 70gsm	2
Staedtler Jumbo Triangle Pencil HB	6
Edding 360 Whiteboard Marker Blue Bullet	3
Maxi-Stick 36G Glue Stick	3
Glue Brush EC Flat	1
My Home Reading Journal KLUWELL Yellow Level	1
Qualcraft Library Bag 400 x 350mm YELLOW	1
Library Bag – Polyester 600D – BLUE	1
Calico Bags Purple	1