



## Parent Payment Arrangements 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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 2026. Please find the fee schedule for **Prep 2026** attached. In 2025 we were graded *High* in our annual report based on student academic performance and wellbeing. In order to maintain this level of success for your students we have put together the following parent payments meticulously.

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 90% contributions and this money was integral to allowing our students to receive equitable learning opportunities.

Within our school this support has allowed us to begin to build our reputation as a school that is on the forefront of best practice. This was made evident in 2025 by the significant number of schools that came to see our work as well as being featured at the Victorian Principals Conference. In line with the recent initiatives from the deputy premier Ben Carrol we are a school that puts a heavy emphasis on research and the science of learning. We use an explicit instruction pedagogy that requires significant financial resources to ensure students have whiteboards and whiteboard markers that are used in every single lesson so that our teachers can ensure that every single student is demonstrating their understanding. Our literature rich curriculum also requires students to have individual booklets for all of their novel study work. These booklets require a huge amount of printing at the cost of the school. This money also goes towards expanding opportunities for our students to ensure they are receiving a well-rounded education. We will be expanding our science program again next year, science is an extremely important subject and one that builds knowledge integral to high school success. With a strong science program comes experiments that once again require significant resourcing for experiments and practice.

As in previous years, we have arranged the day prior to the start of school for parents to make their voluntary financial contribution and student book pack payments. This will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>h</sup> January** between **8:45am – 4:00pm**.

**Please complete page 6 of this document and bring along with you on the day**

### 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](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Warren'.

Jordan Warren  
Principal

John Appleton  
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 2025. Please complete the attached form (page 6) and bring it with you to Fee Payment Day on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

### Curriculum Contributions

Below is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase through the school for your child to individually own and use. Should you wish to source your own items please find a detailed list of the book pack items attached at the end of this document. Please note, the items listed in the attached book pack are only for individual student use and does not include items shared in the classroom as listed below (whiteboards, photocopying and other consumables).

Curriculum Contributions	Amount
<b>Classroom consumables, materials and equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Book Pack Including, but not limited to; Exercise books, scrapbooks, pencils, whiteboard markers, display book, markers, glue sticks, book box, display books, writer’s notebook, fine line markers, headphones, pens, handwriting book.</li> <li>• Classroom Consumables, materials &amp; equipment, mini whiteboards and whiteboard markers</li> <li>• Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials Specialist program consumables for Art, STEM, LOTE, Music and Physical Education</li> </ul>	<i>175.00</i>
<b>Specialist Programs Contribution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist program consumables for Art, STEM, LOTE, Music and Physical Education. All year levels will be completing science experiments as part of a state-of-the-art science program. This contribution is integral in funding the resources required for those experiments. This program will ensure your children have a robust knowledge of science</li> <li>• Specialist program consumables for Art, STEM, LOTE, Music and Physical Education</li> <li>• All year levels will be completing science experiments as part of a state-of-the-art science program. This contribution is integral in funding the resources required for those experiments. This program will ensure your children have a robust knowledge of science and a significant advantage over same age peers from other schools as they enter secondaryhigh school.</li> <li>• Our humanities program requires resourcing student readers that are printed and bound. This program is providing students with a plethora of background knowledge that is integral for long term success in school assisting with reading comprehension as well as success in the humanities fields (history, geography, political science, law and sociology).</li> <li>• Digital Learning Pack Including, but not limited to; Essential Assessment and Twinkle</li> </ul>	<i>103.00</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>278.00</b>

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** Rosewood Downs offer 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TBC</b>

### Other 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 facility upgrade priorities. Plans for 2026 include redeveloping our oval to be a place that students love to play. In 2025 your contributions helped to reseed the oval and purchase soccer nets for it. We are also beginning to slowly build savings to find a replacement for the adventure playground that was unfortunately shut down due to safety in 2024. 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. A new playground would cost roughly \$150k, we will be keeping a visual tally of progress in the hall.

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

Other Voluntary Contributions for Building and Grounds (General upkeep)	Amount
Buildings and grounds upgrades - General upkeep of buildings and Grounds (per family)	\$50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50</b>

Other Voluntary Contributions for Curriculum, Buildings & Grounds (Improvements & Additions)	Amount
<p><b>New Playground Project:</b> Following a safety assessment audit in 2024, our school playground was required to be dismantled due to significant wear and tear. While this was a necessary step to ensure the continued safety of our students, it has left an important gap in the outdoor play and recreational opportunities available to them. The school is now committed to developing a new, modern, and inclusive playground that will provide a safe and stimulating environment for all students to enjoy for many years to come. To assist with the funding of this project, we are inviting voluntary contributions from our parent community. As a guideline, we are suggesting a contribution of \$100 per family; however, any amount you are able to contribute will make a meaningful difference. Your support will directly enhance the learning and wellbeing of our students by helping to create a vibrant and engaging space that promotes active play, creativity, and social connection.</p>	\$100
<p><b>School Fencing and Security Improvement Project:</b> As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for our students, the school is undertaking plans to install new fencing around the school grounds. This improvement will enhance the safety of our students, protect school property, and create a more defined and welcoming boundary for our learning community. To assist with the costs of this important project, we are inviting voluntary contributions from our parent community. As a guideline, we are suggesting a contribution of \$100 per family; however, any amount you are able to contribute will be sincerely appreciated. Your support will play a vital role in ensuring our school remains a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for all students.</p>	\$100

<p><b>Upgrade Classroom Spaces</b></p> <p>To ensure student outcomes are constantly improving classroom upgrades such as projectors, whiteboards and classroom furniture play a significant role. We are looking to upgrade our classroom furniture to ensure that students feel comfortable during learning time and that our furniture ensures the most ergonomic benefits for long term health of our children. A \$100 contribution would support the purchase of these items to improve our classroom spaces.</p>	\$100
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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	\$278
Extra-Curricular Items & Activities	TBC
Other Voluntary contributions towards building and grounds ( <b>General upkeep</b> ) (recommended \$50)	\$50
Other Voluntary contributions towards curriculum, buildings and grounds ( <b>Improvements &amp; Additions</b> )	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Playground Project (recommended \$100)</li> </ul>	\$100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Fencing and Security Improvement Project (recommended \$100)</li> </ul>	\$100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved Learning Spaces (recommended \$100)</li> </ul>	\$100

# 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:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

8:45am – 4:00pm

Student Name/s	Year Level

Item	Amount	Paid
<u>Curriculum Contributions</u>		
Prep	\$278	
Year 1 & Year 2	\$264	
Year 3 & Year 4	\$278	
Year 5 & Year 6	\$284	
Optional Items	TBC	TBC
<u>Other Contributions</u>		
Buildings and Grounds (General Upkeep) (per family)	\$50	
Curriculum, Buildings and Grounds (Improvements and Additions) (per family)	\$300	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

Cash     EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Cards)

# BACK TO SCHOOL 2026

## FOUNDATION- STUDENT PACKS

Faber Tri-Grip Coloured Pencils Box 12	1
Micador Colourfun Markers Wallet 12	1
Educ8 Twist Crayons Pack 12	1
Educ8 Scrapbook Mini 64 page 165 x 245mm 100gsm	1
Educ8 Scrapbook 64 page 335 x 245mm 100 gsm	4
eDUC8 24MM Writing Book 335 x 245mm Dotted Thirds 64 page	3
Staedtler Natural Jumbo Triangular Pencil HB	3
Edding 360 Whiteboard Marker Blue Bullet	5
Maxi Stic 36G Glue Stick	3
Glue Brush EC Flat	2
My Home Reading Journal Yellow Level	1
Calico Bags Purple Prep	1
Display Book A4 20 pockets refillable w/insert Cover Black	1