

November 2020

Dear Parent

Hamilton Parklands School 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 2021 attached.

Hamilton Parklands School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Each student will receive a stationery list for 2021, these items are to be supplied by the parent/guardian for use by the students during the 2021 school year. The school will notify parent/guardian as these need to be replenished. NO individual stationery will be provided by the school, however bulk items will be made available as required by the curriculum.

### Payment Methods:

1. In full by due date ( cash / cheque / direct deposit )
2. Payment Plan as arranged with the school
3. CentrePay payment plan from your Centrelink Benefits
4. Regular bank transfer to the school account as pre-arranged with the school.

### Financial Support for Families:

Hamilton Parklands School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Liaising with support agencies to gain assistance for families under financial pressure on a needs basis.

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

Sonya Holden - Principal  
Ph: 03 55723077  
Email: [hamilton.sds@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:hamilton.sds@education.vic.gov.au)

### Refunds:

Refunds are determined by the nature of the essential learning items as set out below:

Independent Living Program: (Per term) - Refund will be given if the program has not yet commenced.

Art Materials: ( Per term ) - Refund will be given for any term allocations where the term has not commenced. Refunds for partial terms are unable to be given.

Design & Technology: (Per term ) - Refund will be given for any term allocations where the term has not commenced. Refunds for partial terms are unable to be given.

Communication Diary: Student takes possession of diary – no refund will be given.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sonya Holden - Principal

Nichole Sparrow – School Council President

Approved School Council 20/10/2020

### Essential Student Learning Items:

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. The school purchases these items in bulk and the students utilise these items through classroom learning during the year.

As your child will take possession of these items during the year for use within the curriculum the school asks that the costs for Essential Student Learning Items be paid by the parent/guardian in line with the payment options listed.

<b>Essential Student Learning Items Bulk Purchases</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Student Communication Diary</b>	5.00
<b>Independent Living Program - \$10 per term</b> cooking ingredients, OT supported daily living program, health & hygiene items for Human Development units. Sex Education program	40.00
<b>Art Materials - \$10 per term</b> <u>Drawing:</u> Various types of speciality pens, markers, crayons, pastels, charcoal, chalk <u>Painting:</u> Various forms of paint, food dye, ink etc <u>Construction:</u> Various forms of :- cardboard, tape, PVA, Supertac, chenille stems, stickers, beads, split pins, paper cups, paper plates polystyrene balls, goggle eyes, matchsticks, pop sticks, straws etc	40.00
<b>Design &amp; Technology Items - \$10 per term</b> Glitter, PVA, crepe paper, pom poms, sequins, paper plates, various paper item for writing/drawing/crafting etc	40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>

## Voluntary Contributions:

Hamilton Parklands School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

The following table is a list of possible items which you may like to make a voluntary payment towards. 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.

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family		
<u>Grounds / Maintenance:</u> To help with the topping up of the soft-fall around playgrounds. Sand for sandpits etc.	No		\$15	
<u>IT Equipment &amp; Specialised Programs:</u> Contribution towards upgrading laptops and purchase of various apps, for use by students to improve their learning outcomes.	No		\$10	
<u>Sensory Program:</u> To help with the purchase of sensory items used on a regular basis with all students. Items such as kinetic sand, shaving foam, rice, water play toys, fidget toys etc	No		\$10	

### Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount \$125.00
Optional Items	Amount \$ 0.00
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount <u>\$ 35.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL \$ 160.00</b>