

8th November 2021

Dear parent/guardian,

Hamilton Parklands School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Hamilton Parklands School's voluntary financial contributions for 2022.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum 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, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has previously gone towards specialised curriculum experiences, enhanced digital learning opportunities, and supplementation of programs such as RDA, work experience and extended swimming sessions. This support has also ensured that the maintenance/running costs of our school owned buses has not impacted excursion travel costs.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sonya Holden
Principal

Mark Purcell
School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper etc. \$40.00 • Science \$40.00 • Design & Technology – (incorporating a food tech component) - food ingredients such as flour, butter etc, digital devices as required and construction materials \$ 40.00 	\$120.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School Owned bus maintenance and running costs	20.00
Total Amount	\$140.00

Educational items for students to own

Attached is a list of items that the school recommends you purchase from a retailer of your choice for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Hamilton Parklands School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Various items such as those listed below will be costed at the time of delivery and parents can make informed decisions at such times regarding their child's participation.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Optional school camps
Optional school excursions
Optional swimming lessons This is an optional and additional program to the swimming and water safety program that we provide students for free as part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum. This is designed to further support students with their progress to learn to swim.
Optional school incursions

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
- use of Centrepay arrangements
- flexible payment arrangements

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

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	\$ 120.00
Other Contributions	\$20.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$0.00

Payment methods

1. Cash or Cheque
2. Payment Plan as arranged with the school
3. CentrePay payment plan from your Centrelink Benefits
4. Bank transfer to the school account as pre-arranged with the school.
5. EFTPOS is not available at the school

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.