2025 Parent Payments

Dear School Families,

The Greensborough School Council have now ratified the 2025 Curriculum Contributions and these are set out below.

The only costs for families beyond the Parent Payment Schedule will be:

- Student individual Bookpacks which can be ordered by families directly from MAXIM and delivered to the school in readiness for the 2025 school year. The details of this process will be sent out in the first week of Term Four.
- The cost of Camps, Excursions /Incursions, Transport costs for Interschool Sport and Athletics, Pool Admission for Swimming and the Footsteps Dance Lessons incursions can all be offset by using the \$400 per student School Savings Bonus.

Please refer to DET Parent Payment Policy: https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy

As part of the Education Department's updated policy on the collection of Parent Payments for essential school items, we are no longer able to issue statements beyond the information below however, upon request, Mehgan can provide an updated statement of amounts owed or payments made.

In addition to the Curriculum Contributions, families are invited to support programs at the school with the option of \$30 contributions towards:

- The Library Program
- Student Welfare Activities
- ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) equipment and programs

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Payment can be made at any time via:

- 1. Via your Compass App
- 2. Via Direct Debit to the school account BSB: 063 185 Account Number: 1014 8099 Please put your child's surname as reference, e.g.: SMITH
- 3. In person at the office.

Thank you very much for your support and assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Hirth

2025 Curriculum Contributions

Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

2025 School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers:

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.
- Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- In October, to verify your email address.
- In November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the <u>School Saving Bonus Information</u> <u>sheet for government school parents and carers</u> [school to attach or link doc] or visit <u>vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus</u>

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Referral to community-based support agencies where available
- Payment Plans to meet family needs

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Mehgan Uren on (03) 94351496 or greensborough.ps@education.vic.gov.au