

4 February 2026

Dear EHPS parent/guardian,

Our School Council is proud of the quality of the facilities and resources available for our students to enjoy. At Essex Heights Primary School, the continuous improvement of student learning and the children's continued health and wellbeing is central to everything we do. In 2026, we look forward to another great year of teaching and learning. With this in mind, we would like to advise you of the EHPS voluntary financial contributions for 2026, which we are pleased to confirm remain unchanged from the 2025 school year.

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 provide classroom bulk supplies, as well as offer rich and extensive programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of the resources for our exemplary specialist programs of Art / ArtSEL, Music, Science, Indonesian and Health & Physical Education, as well as the maintenance and upgrade of our facilities and grounds, e.g. classrooms, playgrounds, student play spaces and our school oval.

Other programs that we can offer because of your contributions include the provision and upkeep of our computer devices e.g. purchase of new laptops, maintenance of extensive sets of books for reading, provision of mathematical resources in every classroom, year level choirs and effective first aid for all students.

We want to thank you for your support, whether that is through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours faithfully,



George Perini
Principal



Jennifer Bittner
School Council President

2026 Curriculum Contributions	
Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom – requisites required for student participation in classroom e.g. pens, pencils, coloured paper, glue sticks, writing books, project books • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science – consumables • Mathematics – numeracy resources for classrooms • English – book boxes, class sets, readers • Health & Physical Education – equipment • Library – Books, Subscriptions • Indonesian – LOTE stationery, classroom resources • Classroom Music – stationery and equipment • The Resilience Project – Journal 	\$230
Online Subscriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Assessment Maths & Literacy • Compass – online portal & communication, student reporting • De-Codable readers • Matific • Elastik 	\$70
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$50
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$30
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$380

2026 Other Contributions	
For non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Health Centre - First aid officer and supplies	\$30
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$30
Total Other Contributions	\$60

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

EHPS 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 e.g. Camps at Years 4, 5 and 6. The cost of extra – curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools Relief (SSR)
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Secondhand Uniform Stall

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For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our Business Manager, Barbara McCann by phone on 9807 4944 or by email: Barbara.McCann2@education.vic.gov.au

2026 EHPS Parent Payments Summary	
Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$380
Other Contributions	\$60
TOTAL	\$440

Payment Methods

The Curriculum Contribution and Other Contributions can be paid via Compass Pay (preferred) or by EFTPOS (MasterCard or VISA) in person at the School Office.

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.

Links to the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and the Essex Heights Primary School Refund Policy are available on the school website – [EHPS Parent Payments Page](#)

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.