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***Grade 5 and 6 2022***

Dear parent/guardian,

Skipton Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Skipton Primary 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 you 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 allowed us to provide special curriculum experiences, a wider variety of specialist programs, further staff to support learning, one-to-one devices across the school and breakfast club and snack supplies.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Nicholas Keating*

*Principal*

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| **Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum | Amount |
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| Stationery Pack(includes items such as the student diary, exercise books, pencils, pens, highlighters, glue sticks, rulers, erasers) | $75 |
| Specialist Consumable Resources(includes items such as paper, glue, fabric and other items that are consumed in the course of learning in Arts, Science, MARC and Auslan) | $20 |
| Digital Subscriptions (includes Essential Assessment, Progressive Achievement Tests) | $25 |
| Swimming Program(includes pool hire, instruction and lifeguards) | $10 |
| **Total Amount** | **$130.00** |

**Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Skipton Primary 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.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return this to the school by Friday 3rd December*.*

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| **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities** | **Amount** | **Purchase** **(Please tick)** |
| Sovereign Hill Book Week | $15.00 |  |
| *Optional Year 5/ 6 school camp* | $200.00 |  |
| *Optional Year 5/6 Young Leaders Conference*   | $80.00 |  |
| *Optional Sovereign Hill Overnight* | $170.00 |  |
| *Other optional Year 6 camps and excursions to be scheduled*  | *TBA* |  |
| **Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities** | **$** |

### Financial Support for Families

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

* the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
* Part-payment plans via Compass.

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

 Natalie Clark

Ph: 03 53402002 | Email: Natalie.Clark@education.vic.gov.au

**Total**

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| **Category** |  |
| Curriculum Contributions | $ |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities | $ |
| Other Contributions*Families are welcome to make an additional contribution to the school, should they wish.* | $ |

### Payment methods

### School payments can be made via several methods.

### Cash or cheque to the school office, BPAY via student code on family statements or direct deposit. Payment plans can also be arranged through Compass.

Direct Deposit - Bank account details:

Bendigo Bank - Skipton Primary School

BSB No: 633-000

ACC No: 162 900 013

**parent PAYMENTS policy**

**ONE PAGE OVERVIEW**

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|  | 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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
* Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.
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|  | PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTSSchools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

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| Curriculum ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum. | Other ContributionsVoluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school’s functions and objectives. | Extra-Curricular Items and ActivitiesItems 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).
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|  | 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.
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|  | 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.
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