October 28, 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Amsleigh Park Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning. We would like to advise you of our school's voluntary financial contributions for 2026. For 2026 there are <u>no</u> increases to the requested contributions which is the 3rd year of no price increases.

The ongoing financial 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 continues to make a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Don't schools get government funding? Yes, schools are funded to a standard which must pay for everything we need to operate as a school. Most of these funds are spent on utilities, relief teaching, maintenance of buildings and grounds, waste management, photocopiers etc, with a small amount left for curriculum and teaching.

Why are parents asked to contribute? We ask parents to contribute so we can offer a higher standard of educational resources because we believe our students deserve better. This money directly supports students and is used to buy resources, consumables, equipment etc., which we know leads to better learning.

Can I use any balance of the 2025 \$400 school saving bonus (SSB) to pay this contribution or for Student Book Packs? No, any remaining SSB can only be used for excursions, incursions, camps or swimming.

Remember, your contribution is an investment in a quality education for your child. We can either offer the 'standard (average)' quality we are funded for, or we can do better. We would like to think that we can do better than standard (average), but this requires the support of our whole school community. Whilst the recommended amounts will allow us to deliver the best standard of education, partial contributions can be made by filling in the amounts you would like to be invoiced for.

Rest assured we will only ask for funding needed to directly support students; these funds will never be used for anything else. See attached the Parent Payments Policy which explains what contributions schools can request.

Invoices for Parent Contributions can only be raised to family accounts when payment, and the completed payment advice form is received. Payment can be made via Xuno, BPay, Credit/Debit Card or non SSB/CSEF credit notes/unallocated receipts from your family account.

Book Packs 2026

Information regarding the purchase of student book packs has been recently emailed to families and is also on our website. In 2026 parents have the option to purchase a book pack through our supplier, Office Corporate, or organise comparable materials from a provider of their own.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ana Meyborg

School Council President

Michael Cormick

Principal

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.



\$248.00 Amount
Amount
\$50.00
\$5.00
\$10.00
5
Amount
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\$25

2026 Educational items for students to own - Book Packs

Each year level has separate Book Lists as determined by the teachers. Please check the year level book lists the school recommends you purchase from Office Corporate for your child to individually own and use.



Parents can log on to the Office Corporate website www.booklistorders.com.au to order and pay directly for their child's individual educational items. Free Home delivery, for full pack orders placed until 11:30pm on December 1, 2025. Full packs ordered after this date will incur a \$9.95 delivery fee. If not ordering full packs, a packing fee of \$5.50 and home delivery fee of \$9.95 will apply.

2026 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities - Optional Extras

Amsleigh Park 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Examples below of the proposed activities for next year. Further Information, including pricing and permission forms will be sent home prior to each event.

2026 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	
— Optional Extras - User Pays Basis	Per Child	
Incursions / Excursions – All Year Levels	Approx \$100	
Grade 2 Sleepover / Grade 1 Late Stay	Approx \$20 / \$15	
* Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport program & Oakleigh District Sports Affiliation Fee	Approx \$100	
* Grade 3/4 Oakleigh District Sports Affiliation Fee	\$10.00	
Camps to be scheduled – Grades 3-4 & Grades 5-6 only	Approx \$400	
Whole School Swimming Program	Approx \$100	

* School Sport Affiliation Fees

Students contribute to the Oakleigh District Sports Affiliation Fee to help cover the costs of participating in interschool sporting events. This contribution supports expenses such as court and council reserve hire, first aid and toilet facilities, referees for Gala Days, as well as pennants, ribbons, and other event materials. These fees help ensure that all students can enjoy safe, well-organised and inclusive sporting opportunities throughout the year.

Financial Support for Families

Amsleigh Park Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offer a range of support options, including:

- The 2026 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (For eligible Centrelink Card Holders, further information and application forms available from the School General Office)
- 2025 School Saving Bonus Any balances remaining can be used for camps, sports excursions, swimming etc.
- State School's Relief assistance
- Flexible Payment Plans for Extra Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about Flexible Payment Plans, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact our Business Manager, Karen Hogan Ph. 03 9544 1553 | Email:





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2026 PAYMENT ADVICE

2026 Financial Contributions - please complete below and return to the general office. Invoices will then be raised to your family account and payments processed accordingly. Thank you



Parent Name/s:				
Contact Phone Number:				
Child 1:	Child 2:			
Child 3:	Child 4:			
Financial Contributions Payment Advice	е	No. of Children	\$ Total	
2026 Curriculum Contributions - \$248			\$	
2026 Grounds Maintenance - \$50			\$	
First Aid Equipment - \$10			\$	
2026 School Sports Victoria Membership - \$5			\$	
Optional - Pre Order Annual School Year Book - 1 Per	Family \$25		\$	
Tax Deductible Donation- Building Fund			\$	
TOTAL AMOUNT PAY	ING		\$	
☐ Xuno \$ ☐ BPAY – Details below \$ ☐ Credit Note (Non CSEF) Please use credit amount of \$ ☐ CSEF – I am eligible to claim the 2026 Camps, Sports & Excamps, Sports, Excursions/Incursions or Swimming.	from m	y account for the abo	ove selected amounts	
Amsleigh Park Primary School BPay Biller Code: 87361 Your Reference – see your family statement or contact school office BPay Receipt Number: Transaction Date:				
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