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# GUTHRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 4853

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## PARENT PAYMENTS/ SCHOOL FEES 2021

Dear Parent

Guthridge Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Guthridge Primary Schools parent payment/school fees arrangements for 2021.

Guthridge Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Under the guidelines from the Department of Education & Training, schools are able to request parents to pay for essential education items for students. **This is not a voluntary payment.** These are items that are essential to support instruction in the standard curriculum. These are also items or activities that the school deems compulsory. Each student receives their classroom supplies on the first day of school. Some are individual supplies and some are shared within the classroom.

As in previous years, the school will continue its family friendly policy of providing a sun-smart school hat (valued at \$10) free of charge to each Pre-Foundation and Foundation child entering Guthridge Primary School for the first time.

### Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Centrepay fortnightly payments
- Direct Deposit payments

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

- Emily Streitberg or Meranda Baker
- Ph: 03 5144 3633
- Email: [guthridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:guthridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### Payment Methods

- Cash
- EFtpos
- Centrepay
- Direct Deposit (family name for reference)

Yours sincerely,

*Emily Streitberg*

Principal

## GUTHRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. *Guthridge Primary School* also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

### Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<b>Essential Education Items:</b> All classroom stationery, items which can include student workbooks, folders, diaries and paper, pens, pencils, textas and crayons, glue, cartridge paper, cover paper, kinder squares, newsprint, art supplies, sticky tape and masking tape.	\$60.00
<b>Swimming Program:</b> Provided by a qualified Austswim trained instructor. No refunds will be given for non-attendance. School Council is already heavily subsidizing the swimming program and must pay the swimming tutor, pool cleaner and maintenance/chemical costs regardless of the number of students participating.	\$60.00
TOTAL	\$120.00

### Optional Items

Guthridge Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Notes will be sent home or through Class Dojo for any camps, excursions or activities that are coming up for your child during the year.

### Voluntary Contributions

Guthridge Primary School continues to welcome your \$20.00 voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

### Parent payment/school fees charges

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount	\$120.00
Optional Items	Amount	To be advised
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount	\$20.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

# PARENT PAYMENT/SCHOOL FEES POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payment/School Fees Policy:



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



### PARENT PAYMENT/SCHOOL FEES REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

#### Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

#### Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

#### Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



### 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/school fees contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools obtain school council approval for their parent payment/school fees arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.