

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian

Lyndale Greens Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Lyndale Greens Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

The 2021 payment for Essential stationery items & text books will be:

Prep to Year 4 \$125.00
Years 5 & 6 \$200.00 (including laptop lease)

Itemised year level lists are available on request.

Lyndale Greens Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents. The school seeks suppliers of educational items who provide not only competitive prices, but also quality of product and service.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Family Support is available through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to cover camps, sport and excursions for eligible families.
- State Schools Relief for uniform support, and other local community welfare and support agencies.
- Parents are advised that they have the option of purchasing equivalent Essential Student Learning items themselves, in consultation with the school.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact the school Principal, Victoria Golding
Ph: 03 9795 2271 Email: lyndale.greens.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Parents are provided with early notice of annual payment requests for school fees (ie a minimum of 6 weeks' notice prior to the end of previous school year) Reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year (ie excursions)
Parents are able to make payments by Credit Card or EFTPOS.
Option is available to pay in instalments on request.

Refunds

Refunds will be discussed on a case by case basis.
Payment for compulsory essential requisite items are not refundable as the requisite items will remain with the child if they leave or transfer to another school.
Please refer to Lyndale Greens Primary School Refund Policy for further information.

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

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Victoria Golding in blue ink.

Victoria Golding
PRINCIPAL

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Imran Maniar
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments 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 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 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 arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.