



PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2022

Dear parents and carers,

14 December 2021

After two very challenging years, we're sure that parents, children and staff alike are looking forward to a more settled year of having our children engaged in teaching and learning 'on site' at CSPS. We would like to advise you of Caulfield South 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.

Caulfield South Primary School Council encourages all families to contribute towards improving our teaching and learning environment through the Parent Payment Contributions.

Working together as a community puts our school in a strong position to achieve the best outcomes for our students. The Parent Payment Contributions are a key part of ensuring that our students have access to additional resources that will assist in achieving optimal outcomes, thereby ensuring that our school is able to offer the best possible education and support for our students.

Being a government school, Caulfield South receives funding from the Department of Education and Training which enables the provision of all standard education requirements, including the salaries of staff and other school operating costs. To continue to supplement this, School Council asks our parents to maintain their strong commitment to supporting our school financially, through the payment of voluntary financial contributions:

- Requested **Curriculum Contributions** are for items that are directly used by students to improve their learning of the Victorian Curriculum, whether that be materials for science experiments and art, apps for learning, or swimming lessons conducted by a local swimming school.
- Requested **Other Contributions** are for non-curriculum items and resources that support our students' learning, such as providing a school nurse for health and safety, and a school buildings and grounds person so students enjoy a well-kept environment for both learning and play. This year we are also seeking funds to provide additional shade at the school – something we know is important to students, parents/carers and staff.
- Requested **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities Contributions** are for extra-curricular activities that enhance student learning, such as sporting activities, camps and in/excursions.

For more information on how these requested contributions will be used to improve outcomes for our students, please see the attached Parent Payment Requests information sheet for 2022.

Our students are indeed very fortunate that we experience a high parent response to these requests, and it is vitally important for their future that this continues.

We thank you for your continued support of and commitment to our school, whether that's through fundraising, volunteering your time, or making financial contributions that, over the years, have made a huge difference to the programs we can offer.

Some of the differences made by voluntary parent contributions include:

- Grounds, buildings and playground equipment maintenance
- Cyclical maintenance/replacement of air conditioning units in classrooms
- Repair and replacement of shade sails
- Maintenance of Tiger Turf and softfall top-up under playground equipment
- Painting and renovation of classrooms

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

Yours sincerely,

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