



Parent Payments 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

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

Please find the fee schedule for *all students in Year 1 to Year 6* attached. Please complete this form and return to the school by *Monday 14th December* so the school can prepare accordingly.

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

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- *Pre payments and payment plans are available, please contact the school to arrange these.*

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

Jacinta Dellavedova

Ph: 03 5465 3176

| Email: Jacinta.dellavedova@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

Payments can be made by cash at the office or via Direct Deposits into the schools bank account. Please use your family name, first name and fees as the description.

Avoca Primary School

BSB: 633-000

Account Number: 133278044

Refunds

Refunds are provided for optional activities for unavoidable event cancellations if a family experiences a crisis or sudden serious illness and the student can no longer attend the event. After consultation with the school and completing a refund form to agree on where the refund money is to be paid.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jacinta Dellavedova
Principal

Stacey Blair
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE – FOUNDATION / PREP

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

Please complete this form and return to the school by March 2021 with your payment so the school can prepare accordingly.

Please Note: Additional school charges may arise during the year.

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
Stationary pack – student workbooks, scrapbooks, folders, grey lead pencils, glue sticks and display folders, sharpener, erasers, rulers, scissors and 2 pkts Tri-coloured pencils	\$53.00
Reading Diaries	\$6
Handwriting Book	\$12
Home Reading Bag	\$8
Consumables – Items and resources for student use, paper, paint, craft materials, clay	\$40
TOTAL	\$ 119

Optional Items

Avoca 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. These are optional (user pays system) and charges will occur during the year. You are not expected to pay until the event/activity is closer. These costs are an estimate of the charges you will offered to participate in.

Optional Item	Amount
<i>Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year. Year Prep</i>	<i>Approx \$70</i>
<i>School Photo Packages</i>	<i>Range between \$15 - \$40</i>
<i>Alpha Show Live Theatre Performance</i>	<i>\$15</i>

FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 1 - 2

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Stationary pack – student workbooks, scrapbooks, folders, grey lead pencils, glue sticks and display folders, sharpener, erasers, rulers, scissors and 2 pkts coloured pencils	\$53.00
Reading Diaries	\$6
Handwriting Book	\$12
New Wave Mental Maths Book	\$13
Swimming Program – Entry 10 sessions and Lifeguard Costs to open pool outside of hours <i>For families with a swimming pass, a \$20 deduction will be applied upon presentation of your membership card.</i>	\$40
Consumables – Items and resources for student use, paper, paint, craft materials, clay	\$40
TOTAL	\$ 164

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Optional Item	Amount
<i>Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i>	Year 2 \$200 plus bus Year 1 \$70
<i>School Photo Packages</i>	<i>Range between \$15 - \$40</i>
<i>Alpha Show Live Theatre Performance</i>	<i>\$15</i>

FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 3-4

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

Please complete this form and return to the school by March 2021 so the school can prepare accordingly.

Please Note: Additional school charges may arise during the year.

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
Stationary pack – student workbooks, scrapbooks, folders, grey lead pencils, glue sticks and display folders, sharpener, erasers, rulers, scissors and 2 pkts coloured pencils	\$53.00
Reading Diaries	\$6
Handwriting Book	\$12
New Wave Mental Maths Book	\$13
Swimming Program – Entry 10 sessions and Lifeguard Costs to open pool outside of hours <i>For families with a swimming pass, a \$20 deduction will be applied upon presentation of your membership card.</i>	\$40
Consumables – Items and resources for student use, paper, paint, craft materials, clay	\$40
TOTAL	\$ 164

Optional Items

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Optional Item	Amount
<i>Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i>	Year 3/4 \$300 plus bus
<i>School Photo Packages</i>	<i>Range between \$15 - \$40</i>
<i>Alpha Show Live Theatre Performance</i>	\$15
<i>Year 3 – 4 Cross country Maryborough Lightning Premiership Maryborough</i>	\$10 \$10

FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 5 - 6

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

Please complete this form and return to the school by March 2021 so the school can prepare accordingly.

Please Note: Additional school charges may arise during the year.

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
Stationary pack – student workbooks, scrapbooks, folders, grey lead pencils, glue sticks, display folders, sharpener, eraser, pen, rulers, scissors and 2 pkts coloured pencils	\$53.00
Reading Diaries	\$6
Handwriting Book	\$12
New Wave Mental Maths Book	\$13
Swimming Program – Entry 10 sessions and Lifeguard Costs to open pool outside of hours <i>For families with a swimming pass, a \$20 deduction will be applied upon presentation of your membership card.</i>	\$40
Consumables – Items and resources for student use, paper, paint, craft materials, clay	\$40
Digital License subscription	\$10
TOTAL	\$ 174

Optional Items

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Optional Item	Amount
<i>Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.</i>	Year 5/6 \$500 plus bus
<i>School Photo Packages</i>	<i>Range between \$15 - \$40</i>
<i>Alpha Show Live Theatre Performance</i>	\$15
<i>Year 5 – 6</i>	\$10
<i>Cross country Maryborough</i>	\$10
<i>Lightning Premiership Maryborough</i>	\$10
<i>Year 5-6</i>	\$10
<i>Noel Pollerd Basketball Tournament Maryborough</i>	\$10
<i>T20 Cricket Blast Maryborough</i>	\$10
<i>Energy Breakthrough (Participants only)</i>	\$25

Voluntary Contributions

Avoca Primary School continues to welcome your 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.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family			Amount
<i>General Contribution</i>	Yes/No	<i>E.g. \$20</i>	<i>E.g. \$50</i>	<i>E.g. \$70</i>	
<i>Building Fund – Upgrade to the library shelves, toilet block School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund</i>	Yes/No	<i>E.g. \$20</i>	<i>E.g. \$50</i>	<i>E.g. \$70</i>	
TOTAL					\$

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.

Please return this piece of paper, with your intentions for 2021 by Monday 14th December.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items

Amount _____

Voluntary financial contribution

Amount _____

TOTAL _____

Student Name: _____

Grade 2021: _____

I acknowledge the following amounts will be paid to Avoca Primary School by 1st March 2021, or a payment plan will be created prior to this date.

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Understanding Parent Payment Categories

Schools

What does the legislation say?

The Education and Training Reform Act (2006) provides for free instruction in the standard curriculum program to all students in government schools. The Act also empowers school councils to charge fees to parents for goods and services provided by the school to a child.

In the Act, a 'Parent' includes a guardian and every person who has parental responsibility for a child including parental responsibility under the Commonwealth Family Law Act 1975 and any person with whom a child normally or regularly resides.

What do schools pay for as part of 'free instruction'?



Free instruction is the teaching staff, administration and the provision of facilities in connection with the instruction of the standard curriculum program, including reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities.

The standard curriculum for Years F-10 means implementation of the Victorian Curriculum F-10.

The standard curriculum for senior secondary schools means a program that enables a student to be awarded a VCE or VCAL qualification.

What principles govern parent payment practice?

Educational Value | Access, Equity & Inclusion | Affordability

Engagement & Support | Respect & Confidentiality | Transparency & Accountability

Parents

What may parents be asked to pay for?

Schools can request payment for Essential Student Learning Items



These are items, activities or services that the school deems **essential** to student learning of the standard curriculum.

Where practical and appropriate, parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide their own.

These may also be either:

Items the student takes temporary or permanent possession of

- e.g.
- textbooks, activity books, exercise books
 - stationery, book bags
 - student ID cards, locks
 - cooking ingredients students will consume
 - materials for final products that students take home (technology projects, build-your-own kits, dioramas)
 - Picture Exchange Communication Systems

Activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend

i.e. travel, entry fees or accommodation

- e.g.
- excursions
 - incursions
 - school sports
 - work placements

Parents can be asked to pay for items, activities and services in the three Parent Payment Categories:

Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items and Voluntary Financial Contributions.

Schools determine how items, activities and services are classified within these categories based on the learning and teaching program of their school.

Support for families experiencing hardship is available at every school and each school has a parent payment contact person. See your school's policy for more information.

For more information on Parent Payments and Personal Devices, visit the DET website at: www.education.vic.gov.au

Schools can invite **Voluntary Financial Contributions** for



Schools can request payment for Optional Items

These are items, activities or services that are **optional** and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.

Students may access these on a user-pays basis.

These may be either:

Items the student purchases or hires

- e.g.
- school magazines, class photos
 - functions, formals, graduation dinners
 - materials for extra curricular programs
 - student accident insurance

Activities the student purchases

- e.g.
- fees for extra curricular programs or activities, such as instrumental music tuition
 - fees for guest speakers
 - camps, excursions, incursions, sports
 - entry fees for school run performances

Items and/or materials that are more expensive than required to meet the standard curriculum

- e.g.
- use of silver in metal work instead of copper
 - supplementary exam revision guides

- e.g.
- Building or Library fund (Tax deductible)
 - Voluntary contributions for a specific purpose, such as equipment, materials, services.
 - General voluntary contributions