

13 November 2020

DEER PARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Deer Park North Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's payment arrangements for 2021.

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

In 2021 the cost for Essential Education Items will be \$130 per student. Student resources and supplies are purchased in bulk by the school and provided to students for classroom and specialist programs. This enables the cost to be kept at a minimum for families.

Due to COVID-19 and the possibility of limited access to the school we ask that payments be made before the end of the 2020 school year - Friday, 18 December.

Parents may choose to purchase some essential items themselves. If this is the preferred option, please contact the school office.

Throughout the year, there will be activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend. These activities, such as incursions, excursions, school sports, Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6) and swimming program (Year 1 & 2), will incur a cost. (Please refer to attached information about these activities.)

Financial Support for Families

Deer Park North 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) available for eligible families. **(Form attached)**
- Second hand uniform, if available
- State Schools Relief (SSR) support is available for uniforms/footwear
- Information regarding support options is also available from the general office
- Parents & carers holding a Centrelink Health Care Card will be eligible to receive a uniform item through the school's equity funding. DPNPS will provide school uniform item/s upon full payment of essential education items.

Year 6 students:

Girls & Boys: Black Pants (long) & SunSmart School Hat with logo

Year 5 students:

Girls & Boys: Sports Polo top with school logo & SunSmart School Hat with logo

Year 4 students:

Girls & Boys: Bomber Jacket with logo & SunSmart School Hat with logo

Year 3 students:

Girls: Summer dress

Boys: Polo Shirt with logo & Rugby Shorts

Year 2 students:

Girls & Boys: School Windcheater with logo & SunSmart School Hat with logo

Year 1 students:

Girls: Summer dress

Boys: Short Sleeved Polo Shirt with logo & Rugby Shorts

Foundation students:

Girls & Boys: School Bag with logo & school socks

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, families are invited to contact the school for information regarding support options, or the Business Manager if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, on 93634600.

Payment Methods

Parents may choose to make payments in instalments, and will be provided with several methods of making payment including:

- Cash
- EFTPOS card at office, or over telephone 93634600

Parents are able to enter into confidential payment arrangements by contacting the Business Manager, Louise Henley-Smith on 93634600 or email: deer.park.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Refunds

Please refer to our Parent Reimbursement Policy located on the school website.


Department Parent Payment Policy

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

Yours sincerely,



Liz Balharrie
Principal



Zarina Ali
School Council President

FEE SCHEDULE

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child.

| Essential Student Learning Items Prep to Grade 6 for 2021 Below is a list of items which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum for the year. | Amount |
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| Student Booklist These items will be packaged together as individual student packs and will be distributed to each student's classroom in 2021. (Book lists are available separately.) | \$50 |
| Science and Technology Consumables | \$22 |
| Media Art & Drama Consumables | \$30 |
| Kitchen Garden Program Consumables | \$10 |
| Online Learning Subscriptions Includes: Matific & Seesaw | \$18 |
| TOTAL | \$130 |

Optional Items

Deer Park North Primary School offers optional activities throughout the year that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child.

Optional items include excursions, in-school visits, sports activities, etc. Payment for these activities will be requested closer to the event. Please find examples of Optional Items on Page 4.

| Voluntary Contribution | Amount |
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| Deer Park North Primary School continues to welcome voluntary contributions to support our school. Families are invited to make a voluntary contribution that is used to fund books for our School Library. | \$40 |

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items Amount _____

Voluntary financial contribution Amount _____

TOTAL _____

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THESE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH INSTRUCTION

(CSEF may be used to cover part or all of these activities)

Throughout the year, information will be provided prior to each activity including required permissions and payment.

Excursions/Incursions

Each class will usually have an excursion or incursion each term of the school year.

Incursions generally cost around \$10.

Excursions will cost around \$20 depending on the travel distance and entry fees; some can be up to \$30.

The school will ensure that costs are balanced over the year i.e. if students attend a high cost excursion one term, the cost of other planned incursions/excursions will be kept as low as possible.

Whole School Events/Activities

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| Book Week Performance | \$5.00 per student |
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Physical Education and Sport

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| Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Program (10 Weekly Sessions) | \$50 per student |
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| Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival/Picnic | \$12 per student |
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| Years 3-6 Athletics | \$12 per student |
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| Year 5 & 6 Sports Program: Summer Sports | \$15 per student |
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| Winter Sports | \$15 per student |
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School Camping Development Program

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| Foundation – Breakfast | \$2.00 per student |
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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Year 6

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| Year 6 DPN School Jumper | \$35 (approx.) |
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| Graduation Dinner & Ceremony | \$40 - \$50 (approx.) |
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Physical Education and Sport

District & Regional Competitions e.g. Cross-country, athletics

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| (These vary depending on travel and venue) | TBA |
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School Camping Development Program

Foundation Breakfast (see above)

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| Year 1 & Year 2 – Late Stay at school & Dinner | \$10.00 per student |
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| Year 3 & Year 4 – 2 night/3 day camp (Alternate years) | \$100 - \$200 per student |
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| Year 5 & Year 6 – 2 or more nights (Alternate years - held in 2019) | TBA |
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Instrumental Music Lessons

Keyboard and guitar lessons are available through Primary Music Institute (PMI) who provide lessons at the school. A group lesson is \$18 and a private lessons is \$34. Please inquire at the school office.

Please note: These activities and associated costs are provided as an example based on program costings from previous years.

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.