

2026 PARENT PAYMENTS AND BOOKLISTS



Dear parent/guardian,

Frankston Heights Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that we can continue to offer the best possible education and support for your child. We want to sincerely thank you for your continued commitment to education—this makes a significant difference to our school and the programs we can provide.

Thanks to the support of everyone in our school community, we have been able to keep the cost of contributions to a minimum, making them more affordable for all families.

Your parent contributions towards the overall costs of the school significantly help children to experience a broad range of teaching and learning programs across our extensive and high-quality curriculum.

By the conclusion of 2025, our school will spend over \$110,000 on resources, that our teachers provide for your children in their classroom to deliver the highest quality learning programs every day.

Annually up to \$40,000 is spent on specialist programs, which include Science, Wellbeing (Respectful Relationships), Arts including our 2025 productions, music programs and PE programs and equipment such as the new sports uniforms.

\$90,000 was spent to maintain computers and iPads(tablets) that the students use every day for their learning, from Prep - Year 6. This has allowed the school to provide a dedicated device to each student which they use to complete work.

In addition to maintaining our technology resources, the school will spend over \$20,000 on educational computer application subscriptions, that are essential for your child's learning in all curriculum areas.

Thanks to the generous contributions from our families to our building fund, we've been able to upgrade facilities, maintain bathrooms, convert classrooms and add new furniture. Your support has also helped create new hands-on play spaces including the junior soccer pitch, completion of the school oval refurbishment and improve landscaping, new trees, irrigation, additional seating, line marking, tree lined front façade and increased weekly maintenance across all garden beds.

Our well stocked Library is cherished by all students, and the library fund continues to support the provision of updated literacy resources for everyone and includes a free book for every child on their birthday.

Thank you for your contribution to these funds. Parent contributions towards these yearly expenses are sincerely appreciated.

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

Yours sincerely,

RICKY JOYCE
PRINCIPAL

ROB COLCOTT
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Prep stationery & books	\$150.00
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science – chemicals • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • English – book boxes • Sports – equipment Online subscriptions • Mathletics • Reading Eggs • Little Learners Love Literacy online • Essential Assessment Literacy & Numeracy • Seesaw • Britannica	\$200
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$80.00
Prep Curriculum bags(used Prep – Year 6) • Communication Bag • Library Bag • Chair Bag	\$35.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$15.00
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$480.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
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Tax deductible contributions	
Building fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (once per family)	\$50.00
Library fund. A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure (once per family)	\$50.00
Tax Deductible Contributions Total	\$100.00

Educational items for Student to own

Frankston Heights Primary School recommends you purchase from our Wholesaler, the booklist, specifically chosen by their teachers, for your child to individually own and use.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Frankston Heights Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

These will include events such as: School Camps, Swimming Program, Private Music Lessons, Academic Competitions ARTS experiences, Incursions, Excursions and other whole school events.

Further details and costing for these events will be provided to families as each event is scheduled. Frankston Heights Primary School provides as much notice as possible for each event to ensure families have adequate time for payments.

Financial Support for Families

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

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Centrepay for Families receiving Centrelink Benefits
- Fortnightly Payment plans via Bpay

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

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

Cheryl Chiswell, Business Manager

Or

Krystal Davidson, Office Manager

Ph: 03 9783 4988

Email: frankston.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PREP: 2026 Parent Payments & Student Booklist

Please complete the below details to confirm book order, sign and return to the school office with payment by: **Friday 14th November.**

PREP Student Name:

Student Curriculum Items **per child** and has been calculated for you.

Thankyou for contributing to your **Building Fund & Library Fund** - **Once per family.**

Category	Amount
Prep Curriculum Contributions(<i>includes booklist & curriculum bags listed</i>)	\$480.00
Other Contributions (<i>Building Tax deductible</i>)	\$ 50.00
(<i>Library Tax-deductible</i>)	\$ 50.00
<i>Amount (if including Building and Library contributions)</i>	\$580.00

Payment methods– Tick methods

- EFTPOS – either at the school office or via telephone. ☐
- BPAY – please obtain Bpay details from our office via email . ☐
- Centrepay – please obtain a form from the office via email . ☐
- Payment Plan – organised through the office. ☐

Parents opting to use centrepay or payment plans please advise us by Friday 14th November so arrangements can be made with the school office prior to this date.

Once book list orders have been placed through the school, these will be delivered to your child's classroom prior to school starting in 2026. Parents are not required to collect these items from the school.

Where Book lists are not ordered or paid by the due date through the school (excluding Centrepay/payment plans) we can't guarantee students will have their stationary on the first day of school. Late orders can be accepted however delays may occur with receiving items.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ **Date** _____

Signed : _____

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



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 must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.