EMERSON SCHOOL

February 24th, 2026

Dear parent/carer,

Emerson 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 our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Mooney

Principal

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	**Amount**
• *Student stationery including exercise books, stationery and student planners*	$120
• *Cooking materials (minimum 13 sessions)*	$65
• *Art supplies (minimum 13 sessions)*	$65
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	**Amount**
NA	$0
Total Amount	**$250**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Emerson 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.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	**Amount**	**Purchase (Please tick)**
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout the year. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		**$TBA**

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- payment plans as arranged with the school

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

John Mooney

Ph: 03 9791 8900 | Email: John.Mooney@education.vic.gov.au

Total

Category	
Curriculum Contributions	$250
Other Contributions	NA
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	TBA

Payment methods

Payment can be made by Bank Transfer – our account details are as follows:

Westpac

BSB: 033 186

Account No. 708912

Refunds

Refunds are not applicable to voluntary contributions.

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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- 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	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.