



# BOOK PACK 2023

December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Sunshine Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Sunshine Primary School's Book Pack and voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

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, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to enhance digital learning opportunities for all students through the purchase of new iPads and Notebooks.

The Department of Education and Training have made changes to how schools deliver book pack supplies. In 2023, we request that parents purchase the required stationery directly through our supplier Winc via an online process.

## **Financial Support for Families**

Sunshine Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and we offer a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (eligibility is based on a valid Centerlink card that meets the criteria) further information can be obtained from the office.
- *State Schools Relief (SSR)*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative arrangements. Please make an appointment at the office.

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



**Curriculum Contributions** - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum

*Prep to Year 6 Online Subscriptions*

- *Mathletics (\$17.50)*

*Prep to Year 6 Online Subscriptions*

- *Reading Eggs (\$23.00)*

**Other Contributions** - for non-curriculum items and activities. These voluntary contributions can be made via the QKR app

***Building fund***

*A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.*

***Library fund***

*A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.*

**Educational items for students to own**

Attached is a list of items that the school requests you to purchase from *Winc* for your child to individually own and use.

**Orders & Payment**

Orders and payment need to be made online via the *Winc* website at [wincschools.com.au](http://wincschools.com.au) (instructions are attached).

Yours sincerely,

Lyn Read  
Principal

# 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

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 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.