



# BOOK LIST 2025

November 2024

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

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 List and voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Within our school this support has allowed us to enhance digital learning opportunities for all students through the purchase of new iPads, Notebooks.

It was decided at our School Council Meeting that the 2025 voluntary contributions will be going towards STEM – for the purchase of Robotics and Electronics.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education is a method of hands-on teaching and learning where students learn to apply academic content by creatively solving real-world problems with innovative design-based thinking to prepare students for future career opportunities.

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.

The Department of Education and Training have made changes to how schools deliver book list supplies. In 2025, 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.
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

Please note that the School Saving Bonus is not available to be used for the purchase of the book list. However, it can be used for uniform, camps and excursions for the 2025 school year.

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.

<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum
<i>Foundation to Year 6 Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mathletics (\$18.10)</i></li> </ul>
<i>Foundation to Year 6 Online Subscriptions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reading Eggs (\$24.60)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Other Contributions</b> - for non-curriculum items and activities. These voluntary contributions can be made via the QKR app
<b><i>Building fund</i></b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure.</i>
<b><i>Library fund</i></b> <i>A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource.</i>

**Changes to the book list**

When placing your order, you will notice that you have the option to purchase some of the stationary or you may choose to retain from this year (example, if your child has a sharpener from this year and it's in good condition you may then choose to either buy a new one or retain their sharpener from this year).

**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).

We ask that families place their book list order/orders prior to students beginning the school year. Teachers will spend the first few days assisting students in organising and setting up their books and stationery. It would be much appreciated to have your child's supplies in the classroom and ready for them to start their learning.

Orders placed on or before 6 December will be delivered free of charge.

Orders placed after 6 December will be charged \$10.95 for delivery.

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.