Alberton Prímary School

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Dear Parent,

We are looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Alberton Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2022.

Please find attached the voluntary financial contributions for Foundation – Grade 6. Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum; however, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

Alberton Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum.

Financial Support for Families

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

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief
- Centrepay and individual payment arrangements
- Second-hand uniform options
- Programs that are subsidised by the school

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Malissa Nicol on 5183 2412.

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Curriculum Contributions

These include items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum, including everyday items that your child will use in the classroom to learn the essential curriculum such as stationery, art supplies, science experiment equipment, cooking ingredients and technology materials.

Other Contributions

These include Non-Curriculum items and activities to support the daily operation and objectives of Alberton Primary School.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Alberton Primary School offers activities through the year that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum. These activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child and involve a minimal charge for your child to participate. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

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Family name: _____

Please use my child's CSEF (if eligible) towards Swimming, Sports and Excursions for 2022. I understand any unused CSEF funds will remain in my child's account to be used at a later time.

Please invoice me \$ ______ for each of my children for my 2022 contributions.

I will pay my contribution from the information provided above.

Signed _____

Date _____

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Student/s: _____

Payment can be made directly to the school using the either direct deposit with your family name as the reference or cash at reception.

Direct Deposit to: Account Name: Alberton Primary School Council BSB: 063 810 Account Number: 10020111 Please include your reference of your surname when making payment.

ATTACHMENT 1:

FEE SCHEDULE - 2022

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items OR Other Contributions for your child. Alberton Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2022. Please complete this form and return to the school by 29th November 2021 so the school can prepare orders for next year accordingly.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS FOR PREP TO GRADE 6

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate which items you would like to purchase through the school on the table below:

Stationery Items P-6	Amount
There is a custom stationery pack for each grade as determined by the classroom teacher to ensure students have the correct resources for learning: <i>Included are pencils, markers, exercise books, display folders, glue, post-it notes, whiteboard markers, highlighters and all of the stationery required for the student throughout the year.</i>	\$80.00
Bulk stationery supplies	
Each classroom requires general use items such as cover paper, coloured paper, paper squares, tape, glue, staples, blutak, project construction items and laminate. These items are purchased in bulk at very reasonable prices for student use.	\$20.00
Specialist Subjects	
All students require consumable items for Art, PE, Science and Craft. Included are paint, clay, glue, tape, construction items, workbooks and bulk items that are not practicable to purchase in small quantities such as feathers, eyes, fabric, wool etc.	\$15.00
Online Subscriptions	
For all web based programs (EG: Reading Eggs, Mathletics etc) The school purchases individual licences and group licenses for the children at reduced rates. Some licences can be used at home after hours, while others can only be accessed during school hours.	\$35.00
TOTAL:	\$150.00

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (NON-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES)			
Excursion & Sports	Amount		
 This charge covers the cost of all whole school activities including: Four Cultural Performances plus travel to and from Yarram Bus travel to and from Sporting events such as Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals, Winter Sports and related training Bus travel and entry to four other events during the year outside of our area (EG: Coal Creek, Tarra Bulga, The Wedge – Sale, Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, Wellington Transfer Station, AFL Workshops, etc) Activities will be charged to families as they arise to spread out the cost. Estimated cost of a trip to Yarram via bus will be \$7 per student plus entry to the event. Families should budget for two excursions related to the curriculum each term. These will cost approximately \$35 each including buses. Eligible families can use CSEF money to attend these excursions. Swimming – The cost of swimming instruction is allocated from the school budget, parents are charged only for travel to and from the pool and entry into the pool facility. 	\$ TBC		
Camp Grades 3-6			
 Grades 3 – 6 school camp Snow Camp Leadership Camp for Grades 5 and 6 Eligible families can use CSEF money to attend these camps. 	Estimated \$350.00 TBC after fund raising Paid for by the school		
Grade 6 Jumper and or polo shirt			
Grade 6 Jumper Grade 6 Polo Shirt	\$70.00 TBC \$48.00 TBC		
Optional Item – Music	Amount		
Optional Item			
Alberton Primary School offers Music as an optional item that is in addition to the delivery of the standard curriculum. This is designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to enrol your child in this program, please indicate on the table below. Payments for the Essential Items must be up to date before joining the Music program.			
Music tuition for instruments and singing at approximately \$5.00 per week	\$200.00		
Instrument Hire at approximately \$5.00 per week	\$200.00		
TOTAL	\$400.00		

Parent Payments Policy

 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 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.