

## PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parent

Furlong Park School for Deaf Children is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's parent payment arrangements for 2021

Please find the fee schedule including the Stationary Requirements for your child's Class attached.

Furlong Park School for Deaf Children makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Furlong Park School for Deaf Children selects the most appropriate requisites to meet the needs of our students, and the school makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased at a minimum. Consideration to hardship is provided to any families experiencing long term hardship or short term crisis on a confidential, case by case basis.

### Financial Support for Families

Furlong Park School for Deaf Children understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) available for eligible families
- Centrelink – Centrepay Payments
- State Schools Relief (SSR) support is available for uniforms/footwear (via the Administration Office)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, families are invited to contact the school for information regarding support options, or the Business Manager if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements on 9312 3244.

### Parent Payment Methods

Parents may choose to make payments in instalments, and will be provided with several methods of making payment including:

- Direct Deposit to the School Bank Account
- CentrePay deductions from your Centrelink entitlements – please contact Centrelink
- A Compass Payment Plan (details to follow)

Parents are able to enter into confidential payment arrangements by contacting the Business Manager, Janine Comte on 03 9312 3244 or [furlong.park.ds@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:furlong.park.ds@education.vic.gov.au)

Lee Bullock

**Principal**

Alice Kelly

**School Council President**

**Fee Schedule Rooms 6 & 7**

Please find below the itemised list of Essential Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. These items are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum at Furlong Park School for Deaf Children. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own, but Furlong Park School for Deaf Children will source the best prices to keep the cost down for families.

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
<p><b>Stationary Pack*</b>            These items will be packaged together as individual student packs and will be distributed to students in February 2021 once the Pack has been paid for            This charge includes items owned by the student in-class and brought home at the end of the year.</p>	\$45.00
<p><b>Material Provided by the School when the student takes the finished article home.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art product materials</li> <li>• Food Technology – cooking items/materials</li> </ul>	\$30.00
<p><b>Photocopying/Printing by School in lieu of text books and other resources the students take home.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Literacy Resources including student made readers</li> <li>• Maths Resources including student made manipulatives</li> <li>• Speech Resources</li> <li>• Auslan Resources</li> <li>• ICT Resources</li> <li>• Integrated Studies</li> </ul>	\$80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>

\*the Stationary Pack is attached to this document.

**Optional Items**

Furlong Park School for Deaf Children offers a range of optional activities throughout the year, which might include excursion and incursion experiences, in-school visits, sports activities including Deaf Sports Day, school photos etc. Payment for these activities will be requested closer to the event. The major optional activities are: School Sleep Over, Music Concert, Senior Camp and Senior Graduation Function. The exact cost and payment options will be communicated closer to the Sleepover or Camp date.

Students who choose not to attend these events will remain in school and receive teaching relevant to the curriculum.

**Parent Payment Charges**

Stationery Pack for Rooms 6 & 7 - \$45.00 per student, payable in full by 28 January, 2021.

Also required is \$110 for consumables, which includes book printing/binding, cooking items and other take home or consumed materials payable in full by 1 March, 2021

The Total 2021 amount payable is Rooms 6 & 7 - \$155.00 per student. We would appreciate timely payments.

Childs Name .....

I WILL PURCHASE ALL STATIONARY ITEMS THROUGH THE SCHOOL PAYABLE BY **28 January, 2021**

**OR**

I WILL PURCHASE ALL STATIONARY ITEMS MYSELF AND SEND TO SCHOOL BY **28 January, 2021**

**PLUS:**

**Please indicate your preferred method of payment for the balance of \$110.00**

- Option A** (full amount of \$110.00 by 1 March, 2021)
- Option B** (payment of \$27.50 at the beginning of each Term1, 28 January, 19 April, 12 July, 3 October)
- Option C** (half yearly payment of \$55.00 at the start of Term 1, 28 January & Term 3, 12 July)
- Option D** Centrelink (regular) payment - Centrepay
- Option E** (other arrangements)\*to be discussed with the Principal / Business Manager
- Voluntary donation. Donations to the school may be tax deductible.**

**Refunds**

Refunds will be worked out on a case by case basis at the local school level and schools have the discretion to provide refunds to families and should do so where it is reasonable and fair (for example, if the school has not incurred a cost).

If the school has incurred costs, the school should act reasonably and take into consideration the Financial Help for Families Policy and relevant arrangements, including support for families experiencing hardship. For example, schools should consider refunding families for unavoidable event cancellations if a family experiences a crisis or sudden serious illness and the student can no longer attend the event.

If the school decides to provide a refund, then parents need to agree and advise the school where the refund should be paid. If that agreement cannot be reached, the refund is usually paid into the account from which the money came. Where the payment was made in cash, the school should wait until the parents reach an agreement and advise the school.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy – Refunds  
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/guidance>