



## Parent Payment Arrangements 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Furlong Park School for Deaf Children is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Furlong Park School for Deaf Children's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

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, 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 organise and coordinate the best possible programs and learning opportunities for our students. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of Art, Physical Education, Science, Auslan equipment and resources, which supports them to be exemplary programs, coinciding with our established subjects such as Reading Writing, and Mathematics.

We have also been able to enhance your child/rens digital learning opportunities, offer special curriculum experiences including Music and Swimming Programs and provide Camps and Sleepovers due to these contributions.

All these programs above are imperative to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your child/ren.

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 may need to be purchased at a minimum.

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

Yours sincerely

Lee Bullock  
Principal

Alice Kelly  
School Council President



<b>Curriculum Contributions</b> - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	<b>Amount</b>
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom – pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph &amp; scrap books, highlighters, post-it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers etc.</li> <li>• Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, glue, card, material, clay, wood, beading etc.</li> <li>• Science – Ingredients, books, shared classroom materials</li> <li>• Mathematics – stationary, maths kits</li> <li>• English – Class Sets, Novels, readers, stationary</li> <li>• Physical Education – materials &amp; equipment</li> <li>• Auslan – Workbooks and shared classroom materials</li> <li>• Library – books, subscriptions</li> </ul>	\$ 50.00
Printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>

#### **Extra-Curricular Items and Activities**

Furlong Park School for Deaf Children 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 to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>
Optional Senior Camp
Optional Junior Sleepover
Optional Deaf Sports Day
Optional Swimming Program
<i>Optional School Photos</i>
<i>Other Optional Incursions and Excursions to be scheduled</i>

#### **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:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Parent Payment Plans
- State Schools Relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Janine Comte, Business Manager, Ph: 03 9312 3244, email: [janine.comte@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:janine.comte@education.vic.gov.au)

## Form to be returned to School with your payment

We request you **do not** make any payments until Term 1, 2023

Your Details		
<b>Students Name:</b>	<b>Room No:</b>	
Curriculum Contributions		\$ 50.00
Other Contributions		\$ 10.00
	Total	\$ 60.00

### Payment methods

- Cash
- Direct Deposit to the Schools Bank Account  
Commonwealth Bank  
BSB: 063 168  
ACC: 10128648  
Please use your child's name as a reference

### Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

**Please Note:** All classroom supplies will be provided directly to the classroom in bulk. We do not provide individual book packs. Teachers will distribute stationary and other supplies to the students as needed.

# 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 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.