



# Rawson Primary School

PS No. 5389

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents,

Rawson Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contribution arrangement for 2023.

Please find Rawson Primary School's Financial Contribution Schedule and DET Parent Payment Policy attached.

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

All families are welcomed to make a contribution, please complete the attached payment schedule and return to school in January 2023 so the school can prepare accordingly. Alternatively, families can make a financial contribution anytime throughout the 2023 school year.

*2023 contributions are not required to be paid in 2022*, and we ask that you hold off until early 2023 to make it easier for us to complete our financial end of year requirements.

Rawson Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents, we believe we keep our contributions at or below like schools in our area, as well as supplying all students resources.

### Financial Support for Families

Rawson Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and we can offer support options including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)
- Centrepay
- Individual payment plans

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, contact the school on 03 5165 3443.

### Payment Methods

Cash, Cheques, deductions via Centerpay or BPAY

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

Yours Sincerely,

**Tristan Mether**  
Principal

**Rebecca Corney**  
School Council President



# Parent Payment Schedule\_2023

**Student/Family Name:** .....

**Curriculum Contributions** – items & activities that students use, or participate in to access the Curriculum

**Other Contribution** – for non-curriculum items & activities

**Extra-Curricular Items & Activities** – items & 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.

| CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS – GL74408   | AMOUNT                      |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Stationery items that are essential for the classroom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exercise books, assorted</li> <li>• scrapbooks</li> <li>• erasers/sharpeners/rulers</li> <li>• textbooks, assorted</li> <li>• art consumables</li> <li>• 1:1 Laptop access</li> <li>• pens/pencils/textas</li> <li>• glue sticks</li> <li>• reading diary</li> <li>• online learning programs</li> <li>• science consumables</li> </ul>  | \$130.00                    |
| OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS – GL74410  |                             |
| Rawson Primary School provide facilities and programs beyond the funding allocated by the Department of Education (DET). We request that families consider acknowledging the value of these by contributing to the funding to ensure that these facilities and programs are always available to our students. All funds contributed will be allocated for specific purpose for which they are intended. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Contributions towards extra classroom materials, school events including excursions/incursions and sporting events.</li> <li>• Grounds &amp; Building Maintenance</li> <li>• Student Welfare</li> </ul> | \$50.00                     |
| EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES – GL74409  |                             |
| In addition, there will be opportunities throughout the year to participate in sporting events, swimming program, incursions, excursions and camps, which will incur a charge per student. <i>These are optional activities and provided on a user-pay basis.</i><br>Some excursions however are important for curriculum purposes and all students are encouraged to attend.  | <i>Prices to be advised</i> |

➤ Please complete payment section over page.



## Parent Payment Schedule\_2023

### Payment Details -

Amount being Paid:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Curriculum Contributions                                      | \$        |
| Other Contributions   | \$        |
| Extra-Curricular Items & Activities (TBA at time of activity) | \$        |
| <b>Total payment amount</b>                                   | <b>\$</b> |

Payment Method (please circle): CASH    CHEQUE    CENTREPAY    BPAY

# 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.