

Dear parent/guardian,

Pakenham Springs Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our 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 and 100% goes into resources for students. 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 you 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.

To reduce costs, in 2023 Pakenham Springs Primary School will be purchasing Curriculum Consumables in bulk instead of individual book boxes. This has helped to keep the cost to families to a minimum.

Within our school this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate the best possible programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of Visual Art, Media Arts, LOTE, Library and Physical Education equipment and resources, which in turn, supports them to be exemplary programs coinciding with our elite classroom teaching of the established subjects such as Reading, Writing and Mathematics. All of these programs running alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs are imperative so as to provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

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

Yours sincerely,

Kerryn Baillie Michael Whiting

Principal School Council President