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Dear Parents,

The Department have introduced new regulations where all schools must notify parents of the Departments Parent Payment Policy (please see our website), and the school's Parent Payment Plan including what is included in fees. Below is our Parent Payment Plan and fees that has been approved by school council last week.

SUBJECT LEVIES - 2021

Springhurst Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our parent payment arrangements for 2021. Our school makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents.

Financial Support for Families

We understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and can offer a range of support options, including:

- If you are the holder of a current Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be entitled to receive the **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)** amount of \$125 per student.
- Payment of account by instalments.

If you find you are facing financial hardship and would like to discuss other options available, please contact me.

Payment plan options:

Parents may choose one of the following payment options:

Payment in full by **28th February, 2021**

Payment in full by **31st March, 2021**

Payment in full by **April 30th, 2021**

Parents can pay by cash, cheque or EFT

(Our bank details are: BSB 063-531, ACCOUNT NUMBER – 1008 8975).

Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case-by-case basis taking into account the individual circumstances, and the type of charge for the activity (eg. Per head versus bulk cost). Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.



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

School Council has approved the following subject fees for 2021.

MATHS	Mathletics/Mathseeds online program	ESSENTIAL	\$26.00
LITERACY	Reading Eggs/Literacy Planet online program	ESSENTIAL	\$24.00
WHOLE CURRICULUM	Classroom workbooks for reading, writing, maths and stationery (pencils, glue, rulers, erasers, sharpener, etc)	ESSENTIAL	\$40.00
LIBRARY (MARC)	Consumables (paper, paint, glue, glitter, pencils, stencils, etc)	ESSENTIAL	\$5.00
ART (MACC)	Consumables (paper, paint, glue, pencils, fabric, clay, textas, scissors, etc)	ESSENTIAL	\$30.00
Excursions	Including but not limited to: Cluster Days, incursions to school, inter-school sports days, end of year swimming day.	ESSENTIAL	\$15.00
Swimming	Programme	ESSENTIAL	\$45.00
	TOTAL ESSENTIAL		\$185.00

As is the usual practice, parents will be billed for camps separately.

Please see me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Wendy Walker

PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

SCHOOLS

EXAMPLES OF COMMON ITEMS OF PARENT PAYMENT CATEGORIES – PRIMARY

This list provides some examples of common items in a primary school setting for each of the 3 parent payment categories. It is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive and does not take into consideration a school's context or how a school delivers the standard curriculum.

Essential Student Learning Items

Includes items that students take permanent possession of, materials for final products that students take home and curriculum related activities that students participate in such as:

- Stationery pack/book pack (stationery and materials must be itemised so parents can see what is included)
- Online subscriptions to learning activities (if content is essential for student learning in the curriculum) – e.g. Mathletics, Reading Eggs
- Consumable materials which students use to make something and then take possession of or consume (materials must be clearly specified, where practical):
 - E.g. materials for art/craft that students take home (such as glitter, coloured paper, cardboard, paint and craft materials)
 - E.g. cooking ingredients that students will consume (such as eggs, sprinkles, chocolate)
- Curriculum excursions (directly related to curriculum outcomes) – e.g. going to see a play related to the story being read in class, Art Gallery for Art
- Student ID card

See Page 2 for what Essential Student Learning Items do not include.

Where payment is not made for an essential student learning item or activity and the child does not provide their own, the school must make alternative arrangements e.g. make the item available through the school or provide alternative financial support options.

Optional Items

Includes items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum such as:

- Electives and additional academic programs:
 - Instrumental music lessons
 - Elective extension classes, e.g. advanced STEM classes
- School photos
- Magazine/newspaper subscriptions
- School events and functions such as graduations, formals, socials
- Extra-curricular activities
- Optional camps & excursions that are not related to the curriculum

Voluntary Contributions

Includes items for general or clearly explained specific purposes that relate to the school council's functions and objectives such as:

- General voluntary contributions towards classroom materials, class sets and school equipment – e.g. class sets of scissors or textbooks; science equipment and materials for experiments; sports equipment
- School sports events that all students are expected to attend but are offered in addition to the standard curriculum
- Building or Library fund (tax deductible if registered for tax deduction with the ATO)
- Voluntary contributions for any other specific purpose

Schools can communicate to parents that these voluntary contributions will support the school to continue to offer high quality academic programs and run specific school events.