



## Dinjerra Primary School

Dear Year 3/4 Families,

Dinjerra Primary School is looking forward to welcoming you and your child to a great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Dinjerra Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for Year 3/4 in 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements, 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 is 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:

- Source high quality classroom supplies, stationery and equipment for our Literacy and Numeracy programs, through a bulk purchase method.
- Purchase supplies, equipment and resources for specialist subjects: Art, Physical Education, STEM and LOTE Spanish.
- Purchase subscriptions for apps such as Mathletics and ePlatform that complement our learning and homework program.

Please find attached Dinjerra Primary School's financial voluntary contributions schedule for Year 3/4 2026, which includes an overview of how your contributions will enable us to provide for your child.

We have continued our Voluntary Contribution – Grounds Contribution, which was introduced in 2024. Funds raised from this contribution will be used for works around the school grounds, including the repair and resurfacing of our grass oval at the back of the school.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Natalie Vulic  
Principal



Hamish Doake  
School Council President



| <b>Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum</b>  | <b>Amount</b> |
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| <p><i>General Classroom consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>General stationery supplies, including exercise books, paper, pencils, glue sticks, sharpener, ruler, whiteboard, whiteboard markers, reading satchel, home reading journal, student diary</li><li>Literacy - book box, class sets of readers, novels, library books</li><li>Numeracy – maths kits, counters, dice, blocks, exercise books &amp; stationery</li><li>School Wide Positive Behaviors Program - resources and printing</li></ul> | \$105         |
| <p><i>Specialist consumables, materials &amp; equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Art – paint, display books, craft supplies, crayons, charcoal, paintbrushes, paper, cardboard</li><li>STEM – robotics, program supplies and resources</li><li>LOTE – display books, writing books</li><li>Sports – sports equipment, ribbons, materials</li></ul>  | \$46          |
| <p><i>Online subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mathletics</li><li>ePlatform audio books and eBooks</li></ul>   | \$34          |
| <p><i>ICT Devices</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provision and upkeep of class sets of iPads/Laptops</li><li>Headphones</li></ul>   | \$22          |
| <p><i>Printing and photocopying of learning materials</i></p>  | \$13          |
| <b>Total Curriculum Contributions</b>  | <b>\$220</b>  |
| <b>Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities</b>   | <b>Amount</b> |
| <p><i>Parent Communication Tools</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compass</li><li>School Website</li></ul>  | \$15          |
| <p><i>First aid supplies and equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sunscreen, cold packs, band aids, bandages</li></ul>  | \$5           |
| <p><i>Grounds Contribution</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Works around the school grounds, including the repair and resurfacing of our grass oval at the back of the school.</li></ul>  | \$30          |
| <b>Total Other Contributions</b>   | <b>\$50</b>   |
| <b>Total Curriculum &amp; Other Contributions for 3/4 Students</b>   | <b>\$270</b>  |



### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – provided on a user-pays basis

Dinjerra Primary School offers a range of optional 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.

***The cost of extra-curricular items and activities will be advised throughout the year.***

| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities   | Amount                      |
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| Swimming and Water Safety Program – 9 day intensive swimming program, held at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre (MAC) at the end of Term 3 - approximate cost \$80.<br><br>The DET offers a subsidy for the Swimming and Water Safety Program for government schools. The out of pocket expenses for each family will be approximately \$80. | TBA                         |
| Year 3/4 Camp Program -<br><br>2 day / 1 night overnight camp to Sovereign Hill<br><br>Scheduled for Term 2<br><br>Approximate cost \$250   | TBA                         |
| Excursions throughout the year re Concept Units - 2 x approximately \$28 each   | TBA                         |
| Incursions throughout the year - approximate total cost - \$20  | TBA                         |
| Athletics Carnival - Transport and Venue Hire - approximate cost - \$15   | TBA                         |
| School Photos – price dependent on package bought by family   | Paid to photography company |
| <b>Total Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>  | <b>\$TBA</b>                |

### Financial Support for Families

Dinjerra Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offer a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State Schools Relief (SSR) – a not for profit organisation, supporting students experiencing hardship with the provision of uniforms, shoes and educational resources.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact our Business Manager:

Karlee Griffiths  
Ph: 03 9311 1598 | Email: [karlee.griffiths@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:karlee.griffiths@education.vic.gov.au)



**Total**

| Category   | Totals       |
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| Curriculum Contributions                           | \$220        |
| Other Contributions<br><i>(Non-tax deductible)</i> | \$50         |
| Extra-Curricular Items and Activities              | TBC          |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$270</b> |

**Payment methods**

*Cash*

*BPay*

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**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 Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

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|   | <p><b>FREE INSTRUCTION</b></p> <p>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 requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.</p>   |   |  |   |
|   | <p><b>PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS</b></p> <p>Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="324 990 705 1421"> <p><b>Curriculum Contributions</b></p> <p>Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.</p> </td><td data-bbox="705 990 1087 1421"> <p><b>Other Contributions</b></p> <p>Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.</p> </td><td data-bbox="1087 990 1469 1421"> <p><b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b></p> <p>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.</p> </td></tr> </table> | <p><b>Curriculum Contributions</b></p> <p>Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.</p>  | <p><b>Other Contributions</b></p> <p>Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.</p> | <p><b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b></p> <p>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.</p> |
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|  | <p><b>FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES</b></p> <p>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.</p> |
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|  | <p><b>SCHOOL PROCESSES</b></p> <p>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.</p> |
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