

# FITZROY NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fergie St North Fitzroy 3068

ABN 11 126 903 168

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Voluntary Financial Contributions for 2023**

Fitzroy North Primary School (FNPS) is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning in 2023. We would like to advise you of Fitzroy North Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for the 2023 year.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfill the standard Victorian Curriculum and we want to assure you that all financial contributions from families are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing financial support of our families ensures that our school can continue to offer high standards of education and care for our students.

Within our school, your contributions have enabled us to provide our students with access to the essential equipment and resources required to maintain the delivery of high-quality educational programs and support your child's learning and growth.

The family contribution request for 2023 will be \$250.00 per student. This money will go towards funding student book packs, other learning materials and access to ICT devices and programs. Further information regarding these contributions is outlined on the following pages. Please note that curriculum incursion / excursion and camp costs are not included in the 2023 payment. These events will be invoiced as they occur throughout the year.

Fitzroy North Primary School makes every effort to keep financial contribution requirements to a minimum and affordable for all families. We understand that some families may face financial difficulty and, to support families, there are a range of support options and alternative payment arrangements available. For a confidential discussion, please contact our Business Manager, Nicole Cooper on 9481 5860.

For families wishing to make an additional contribution, we invite and encourage donations to the school's Library and / or Building Funds. Donations to these funds are tax deductible and can be included at the time of making your 2023 voluntary contribution.

The following pages contain a detailed outline of the suggested contributions. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please refer to the overviews attached.

We want to thank you for all your help, whether through your financial contributions, fundraising or volunteering your time. This makes an enormous difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Yours sincerely,

Tania Sorbello Principal Duncan Forster School Council President

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables: materials and equipment (including back to school book pack)	
<ul> <li>Bulk class supplies and specialist supplies, such as:</li> <li>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Science / STEM – materials and equipment</li> <li>Mathematics – numeracy equipment</li> </ul>	
English – book boxes, home readers	
<ul> <li>Physical Education – equipment</li> <li>Bulk classroom supplies</li> </ul>	\$250.00
Online Digital Subscriptions, such as:	
Google Classroom, Essential Assessment, Reading Eggs, Maths Seeds etc.	
ICT Devices	
<ul> <li>Provision of devises and applications for shared classroom sets</li> </ul>	
Printing and Photocopying of Learning Materials	
Total Amount: Curriculum Contributions	\$250.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
<b>S</b> uggested contributions are listed below. Families are welcome to contribute an alternate amount value depending on their individual circumstances.	
Non curriculum contributions, such as:	¢100.00
<ul> <li>First aid and hygiene costs</li> <li>Use and upkeep of specialised facilities on campus - e.g. studios, music facilities</li> </ul>	\$100.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$100.00
Student Support Fund (suggested amount \$350 - covers Curriculum Contributions along with some additional programs for one child)	\$
Total Amount: Other Contributions	\$

Tax Deductible Contributions	Amount
<b>Building fund</b> . A tax-deductible contribution to support renovations, upgrades, and maintenance of school infrastructure. If electing to contribute, insert amount (Suggested amounts: \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500)	\$
<b>Library fund.</b> A tax-deductible contribution to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource. If electing to contribute, insert amount. (Suggested amounts: \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500)	\$
*While our Library is currently out of use due to the build, it is expected to come back into operation during Semester 1 of 2023.	
Total Amount: Tax Deductible Contributions	\$

Extra-Curricular Items	Amount	Please Tick
Grade 6 Jacket	\$55.00	
Prep T Shirt	\$25.00	

Fitzroy North Primary School offers a range of additional items and activities that enhance and broaden the schooling experience of students that are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the curriculum. These are provided on a user pays basis.

Total Amount: Extra Curricular Items	\$



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## **Financial Support for Families**

Fitzroy North Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- Instalment Payments
- State Schools Relief provides support for eligible families for clothing and other needs.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Nicole Cooper on 9481 5860 or, via email on <a href="mailto:nicole.cooper@education.vic.gov.au">nicole.cooper@education.vic.gov.au</a>.

#### **Total Contributions Calculation**

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$
Other Contributions	\$
Tax Deductible contributions	\$
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	\$
Total	\$

### **Payment Methods**

Please complete this form and pay via compass, at the office or over the phone, from Monday 23rd January 2023. For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy, please see the overviews attached. Alternatively, please contact the office to discuss instalment arrangements.

#### Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and are 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 to the school has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Police, and any other relevant information.