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Dear Parent / Carer

William Ruthven Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of William Ruthven Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2021.

Please find the fee schedule for **Year 5** attached. Please complete the form on page 5 and return to the school by **20 November 2020** so the school can prepare accordingly.

William Ruthven Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum and affordable for all parents and carers.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) Parent Payments in Victoria Government Schools policy provides advice on the different types of payments that schools can request from parents and outlines the procedures and protocols schools must adhere to. This policy is available from the DET's Policy and Advisory Library <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Financial Support for Families

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

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- Payment Plans
- A 10% reduction for families who pay by the end of Term 4
- State Schools' Relief (Affordable Uniform Program)

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

Liz Lukovska (Acting Business Manager)

Phone: 03 9460 1668 | Email: elizabeth.lukovska@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

- EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
- Direct Credit
- Credit Card

Refunds

Refunds will be assessed on a case by case basis at the local school level. Refunds will be considered and provided to families if the school has not incurred a cost.

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

Donald Eddington
Principal

Christine Crosta
School Council President

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

The following is a summary of the main principles of the Parent Payments Policy:



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements as outlined in the Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Schools do not ask parents to pay for school operating costs (e.g. utility costs) or general and unspecified charges.
- Schools request payments from parents under three categories:

Essential Student Learning Items

- Items and activities which the school deems essential for student learning.
- Parents may choose to purchase essential items through the school or provide their own.

Optional Items

- Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum.
- These are provided to students on a user-pays basis.

Voluntary Contributions

- Voluntary contributions support the school to continue to be the best local school for all students and can be for general or specific purpose.
- Students will not be disadvantaged in any way if parents do not make a contribution.



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 does not 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 obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and upload their arrangements on their school's public website for transparency.



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FEE SCHEDULE – YEAR 5

Please find the itemised list of Essential Student Learning Items and Optional Items for your child. William Ruthven Primary School also continues to welcome your voluntary contributions for 2021.

Please complete the form on page 5 and return to the school by **20 November 2020** so the school can prepare accordingly.

Essential Student Learning Items

Below is a list of items and activities which are essential for your child to learn the standard curriculum. You may choose to purchase these items through the school or provide your own. Please indicate if you would like to purchase these items through the school by completing the table on page 5.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS: AMOUNT: \$110.00	
8 64 page 12mm A4 dotted thirds exercise books	Art supplies
6 48 page 10mm square grid mathematics books	Science materials and experiments
1 48 page 14mm dotted thirds/blank project book	A4 coloured cover paper
2 64 page scrap books	A3 coloured cover paper
1 Note Pad	A4 White and coloured paper
1 Fixed pocket display folder	Laminating sheets
1 Top attached file	Plastic pockets
1 Pencil case	Permanent markers
1 Pencil sharpener	Large textas
4 HB grey lead pencils	Whiteboard markers
4 Red pens	Sticky tape
4 Blue pens	Masking tape
2 Felt-tip fine liners (black)	Staples
2 Erasers	Paper clips
2 Packets of coloured pencils	Blu tack
1 Packet textas	Post-it-notes
1 30 cm wooden ruler	Map pins
1 Pair of scissors	3 Boxes tissues
4 Glue sticks	1 Student diary
1 Yellow highlighter	

Students' Essential Student Learning packs will be distributed to them on the first school day next year.



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Things to bring from home:

- Smock or shirt with long sleeves for art and 'messy' activities

Optional Items

William Ruthven Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These items and activities are designed to broaden the school experience for your child. If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below.

Optional Item	Amount
Optional camps and excursions as scheduled throughout 2021. The cost of these excursions will be advised throughout the year.	
Excursions (and in-school activities)	To be advised
Camp/Interschool Sports	To be advised
Swimming	To be advised

Voluntary Contributions

William Ruthven Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our school.

You can make a general voluntary contribution that goes towards all of our school's important priorities for 2021 as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.

Alternatively, you can make a voluntary contribution to any of the specific priorities outlined in the table below:

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family			Amount
Building Fund – Upgrade to Digital Technology and Robotics	Yes	\$20	\$50	\$70	
School council has established tax-deductible gift recipient status with the Australian Taxation Office for the Building Fund					
TOTAL					\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.



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Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items if paid by 18 December 2020 . This is a 10% discount.	Amount \$99.00
Essential Student Learning Items if paid in 2021	Amount \$110.00
Optional Items	Amount (Users Pay Basis)
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount \$.....

How to pay:

- Direct Deposit: WRPS Official Account
BSB: 063 385
Account: 1004 4861
(Please state student's name in the online banking reference)
- B Pay (reference details can be found on your family statement)
- EFTPOS/Visa/Master Card (via telephone or fill in the slip below and return to the Admin Office)
- Payment Plan - Please contact the Business Manager to arrange an appointment or discuss options.

Credit Card Authorisation (optional)

Name of Cardholder: _____ (Please print)

Mobile number: _____

Card Type: VISA / MASTERCARD (please circle)

Card Number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ 3 digit verification number: ____ (CCV)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

TOTAL \$.....
