

2026 Parent Payment Policy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Sunshine Harvester Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Sunshine Harvester Primary School's parent payment arrangements for 2026.

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

In 2026, we are asking for a **\$75.00** contribution per student towards the costs of curriculum items. This amount is not broken down into year levels as we are requesting a uniform contribution across the school.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary.

Please find the fee schedule for your child's school year attached.

Financial Support for Families

Sunshine Harvester 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), if a family qualifies via Centrelink.
- The Magistrate's Court Fund (on application from your child's Year Level Team Leader and approved)
- State Schools Relief (upon application being approved)

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

Michelle Murphy (Business Manager) or your child's Year Level Team Leader

Ph: **03 9311 1234** or Email: ***sunshine.harvester.ps@education.vic.gov.au***

Payment Methods

BPay or EFTPOS are preferred options. Cash is also accepted.

Refunds

Refunds will be credited into the 'family financial account' on the CASES21 database (*this can then be used to pay for other excursions, etc.*)

Reimbursement to families by cheque or direct bank transfer are other options **BUT** only if payment **was not** credited from CSEF money.

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

OR visit - <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

Yours sincerely,

Ms Polly Hansen
(PRINCIPAL)

Ms Anastasia Russell- Head
(SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT)

Category	Amount
Curriculum Contributions	\$75.00
Other Contributions	\$0.00
Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Please refer to the “ Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – User Pay option ” table below

Itemised details of the above payment are as shown below for reference. These are not broken down into year levels as each year level is charged the same fee.

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
<p><i>Year F- 6 classroom consumables, materials & equipment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Writing books</i> • <i>Pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, glue sticks, pencil cases, felt pens, crayons, reading diaries, scissors, sharpeners, etc.</i> • <i>Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, etc.</i> • <i>Science – cooking materials / classroom equipment</i> • <i>Mathematics – numeracy sets & maths equipment</i> • <i>English – book boxes/classroom Library Books/ take home books, etc.</i> • <i>Sports – sporting equipment</i> 	
<p><i>Year F- 6 Digital devices and subscriptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provision of digital devices (Chromebooks) from the shared classroom sets</i> • <i>Subscriptions to Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Seesaw, Big Universe, etc.</i> 	
Sub Total	\$75.00

Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	
Total	\$0.00

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – User Pay option	Amount (Indicative)	Optional (User Pay)
<i>Optional Year 3 – 4 - Day camp program</i>	\$100 - \$200	User Pay
<i>Optional Year 5 – 6 - School camp program</i>	\$300 - \$400	User Pay
<i>Optional Year 6 - Interschool Sports program</i>	\$15 per term	User Pay
<i>Other optional Year F – 6 - Excursions and Incursions (to be scheduled)</i>	TBA Approximately \$45 .00 - \$60.00 per event	User Pay

NOTE these are indicative amounts only.

Actual amounts will be advised on the official permission slip provided prior to the event.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- 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 standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	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.

- Parents can supply or purchase educational items to use and own (textbooks, stationery, digital devices). BUT using supplies provided by Sunshine Harvester Primary School is our preferred option as an inclusive non discriminative school.



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 doesn't 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 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.