

Swan Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carer

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Swan Hill Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Swan Hill Primary School's Parent Payments arrangements for 2021.

Please find the Fee Schedule for 2021 attached. JI Office Products, Bendigo will be the official supplier for our Back-To-School Book Packs for 2021, and families will be required to place their order for Book Packs online and pre-pay for their Book Pack, Essential Student Learning Items and Voluntary Contributions all as a 'one-stop' shop. Individual student online ordering details are attached.

Online ordering must be completed and prepaid by **FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2020** to guarantee free delivery to school in time for the start of school on Thursday, 28 January 2021

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

The Department of Education & Training have developed a new Parent Payments Policy applicable to all schools in Victoria and the link for this can be found on our School's web page.

Financial Support for Families

Swan Hill 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) – for parents/carers holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents which is current on the first day of school, ie. 27 January 2021.
- Centrepay (a free payment option provided by Centrelink for families in receipt of a Centrelink payment. It allows families to select a one-off or continuing payment which is deducted from Centrelink benefits. Applications can be made online or over the phone quoting Swan Hill Primary School's CRN 555099468V).

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Hayley Doyle Ph: 03 5032 1336 | Email: Hayley.Doyle@education.vic.gov.au

Payment Methods

We offer a variety of payment options to assist our families –

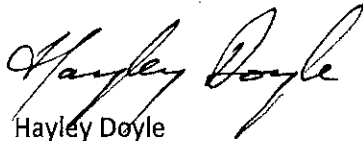
- EFTPOS
- BPay (Biller Code & Reference No. available from school)
- EFT (BSB 063-529 Account 10043033)
- Centrepay
- Cash or Cheque

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. 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, and 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.

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

Yours sincerely,



Hayley Doyle
PRINCIPAL



Bruce Myers
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

FEE SCHEDULE

Your student will be given a booklist which guides you on the everyday items your child will use in the classroom. You may choose to purchase these items or provide your own, **in consultation with the school**, to ensure students have the correct items as some may not be readily available to purchase yourself. Families will be required to place their orders and payment for Stationery Packs and School-Supplied Essential Student Learning Items using J.I. Office Products online system, as detailed, from **WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, WITH ORDERS DUE FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2020.**

2021 ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING FEES

Year Level	Description	Cost	Total Amount
Prep	Stationery Pack	63.90	\$115.65
	School-Supplied Essential Student Learning Items –		
	Online Learning Subscriptions –		
	Reading Eggs	11.00	
	Essential Assessment –		
Numeracy	7.00		
Literacy	3.75		
Consumable materials purchased in bulk and provided for Art and Science (includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard)	30.00		
Year 1	Stationery Pack	82.65	\$134.40
	School-Supplied Essential Student Learning Items –		
	Online Learning Subscriptions –		
	Reading Eggs	11.00	
	Essential Assessment –		
Numeracy	7.00		
Literacy	3.75		
Consumable materials purchased in bulk and provided for Art and Science (includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard)	30.00		
Year 2	Stationery Pack	74.30	\$126.05
	School-Supplied Essential Student Learning Items –		
	Online Learning Subscriptions –		
	Reading Eggs	11.00	
	Essential Assessment –		
Numeracy	7.00		
Literacy	3.75		
Consumable materials purchased in bulk and provided for Art and Science (includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard)	30.00		

Year 3	Stationery Pack School-Supplied Essential Student Learning Items – Online Learning Subscriptions – Reading Eggs Essential Assessment – Numeracy Literacy Consumable materials purchased in bulk and provided for Art and Science (includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard) Netbook	87.10 11.00 7.00 3.75 30.00 160.00	\$304.60
Year 4	Stationery Pack School-Supplied Essential Student Learning Items – Online Learning Subscriptions – Reading Eggs Essential Assessment – Numeracy Literacy Consumable materials purchased in bulk and provided for Art and Science (includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard) Student Diary Netbook	63.75 11.00 7.00 3.75 30.00 5.75 155.00	\$276.25
Year 5	Stationery Pack School-Supplied Essential Student Learning Items – Online Learning Subscriptions – Reading Eggs Essential Assessment – Numeracy Literacy Consumable materials purchased in bulk and provided for Art and Science (includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard) Student Diary Netbook	55.85 11.00 7.00 3.75 30.00 5.75 180.00	\$293.35
Year 6	Stationery Pack School-Supplied Essential Student Learning Items – Online Learning Subscriptions – Reading Eggs Essential Assessment – Numeracy Literacy Consumable materials purchased in bulk and provided for Art and Science (includes craft paper, glitter, paints, cardboard) Student Diary Netbook	66.00 11.00 7.00 3.75 30.00 5.75 170.00	\$293.50

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Swan Hill 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. Further information will be provided throughout the year about these items and cost will be advised separately. Please note these prices are approximations only, for your planning purposes.

GUIDE ONLY - APPROXIMATE COSTS TO EXPECT FOR 2021

	Prep	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
2021 CAMPS			\$90 Term 3	\$250 Term 4	\$300 Term 3	\$300 Term 2	\$300 Term 4
Year 6 Polo Shirt							\$30
Swimming	\$23.50	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47	\$47
EXCURSIONS							
Halls Gap Zoo		\$40					
Pioneer Settlement		\$10					
SSV Summer Sports						\$7	\$7
SSV Winter Sports						\$7	\$7
INCURSIONS							
Visit Performances	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION						\$160	\$160
SCHOOL PHOTOS Term 3	Individual student packages in 2020 ranged from \$30 to \$65. Family packages from \$10 to \$50.						

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

For those students who compete in inter-school swimming, football, regional athletics, basketball, cross country, etc., these costs are charged on an individual basis.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Swan Hill Primary School continues to welcome your voluntary contributions to support our School Council to continue to offer high quality academic programs and run specific school events.

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 below:

The voluntary levies are set at a recommended value, however, all and any contributions are gratefully received.

CURRICULUM RESOURCES LEVY – \$20 per child

Funds raised allow us to enhance the learning environment at Swan Hill Primary School through purchasing resources, eg. take-home readers, class sets, library books, literacy and numeracy resources, science and sports equipment, thus maximising the quality of our learning programs to benefit all students.

GROUNDS DONATION – \$50 per family

Swan Hill Primary School Council believes it is very important the school grounds are always kept neat, well maintained and safe for all children. In previous years, we have requested a donation to assist in employing someone to mow our school grounds. If we do not receive the support of parents for this, we would be forced to have a roster system requiring parents to provide their labour. We are continually improving the school grounds and hope parents will support this request with a donation to help us to create and maintain the best possible outdoor environment for our students.

CANTEEN DONATION – \$20 per family

As it becomes increasingly difficult to offer our Canteen facility to parents due to increased running costs, loss of income due to COVID-19 and difficulty in having sufficient volunteers to assist our Canteen Manager, Swan Hill Primary School Council seeks financial assistance to sustain a full five-day service. The Canteen is not a fundraising undertaking, but strives to provide a service to parents at neutral running cost to School Council.

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.