

## 2026 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Dear parents and carers,

Dunkeld Consolidated School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

This year School Council is pleased to announce that Curriculum Contributions have been capped at \$50.00 per term per student.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian 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 all of our students.

We want to thank you for your support, either financial or volunteering of time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs, resources and facilities we can offer here at Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Every effort is made to keep the cost of items and activities to a minimum so that it remains affordable for all parents.

The Department of Education guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees for Curriculum Contributions. With this in mind, parents are asked to please review the attached recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule for an indication of the suggested contributions for your child/children.

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

If you have any questions relating to 2026 Parent Payments or CSEF, please contact our Operations Manager, Mrs Terrie Nicholson on 5577 2384.

Yours sincerely,



Brad Smallman  
Principal



Rachel Blackwell  
School Council President

## CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

(Items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum)

- **Students require a smock or an old shirt for Art classes.**
- School hats, jumpers and satchels are available to purchase from the school office. All other uniform items may be sourced locally or online, including the tartan pinafore from Accurate Clothing in Hamilton.
- Prep students receive a complimentary bucket hat and satchel on their first day.
- **Year 3 to Year 6 students are to provide their own pencil case to keep their pencils, pens, textas etc in (Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students do not require a pencil case).**

### PREP to YEAR 6 Curriculum Contributions

Stationery pack – may include (but not limited to) coloured pencils, scrapbooks, lead pencils, textas, glue sticks, rulers, pens, document wallets, crayons, scissors, sharpeners, student diary, exercise books, writing books, folders, post-it notes, display books, Spelling Mastery workbook, Handwriting book.	\$ 55.00
Digital subscriptions including but not limited to Essential Assessment (Numeracy), Compass, Auslan, Inquisitive, Reading Eggs, Mathletics.	\$ 60.00
Consumables for Literacy and Numeracy including but not limited to cover paper, Kinder squares, loose leaf paper, sheet protectors, masking tape, sticky tape, loose sheets (ruled), photocopying costs.	\$ 30.00
Art consumables including but not limited to paint, craft paper, glitter, cardboard, pipe cleaners, pastels, cartridge paper, Art Folio.	\$ 20.00
Swimming Program (transport and entrance costs)	\$ 35.00
<b>TOTAL PER STUDENT (\$50.00 PER TERM)</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS for non-curriculum items and activities

School resources, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and grounds maintenance and equipment ( <b>families are welcome to make a voluntary contribution, please advise the school Admin office</b> ).	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

### TAX DEDUCTIBLE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (Deductible Gift Recipient status)

Dunkeld Consolidated School continues to welcome tax-deductible contributions to our School Library Fund to support book purchases and other equipment that sustain the library as a valuable resource

*Dunkeld Consolidated School Council Library Fund (has a separate bank account)*      \$  
**BSB: 063 513    Account Number: 1020 4054**

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Dunkeld Consolidated School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the school experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. Further information will be provided throughout the year about each of these events.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Camps	<i>To be advised</i>
Excursions, Incursions and Sporting Activities	<i>To be advised</i>
School Photos (families make direct payment to the school photographer)	<i>To be advised</i>

- Camps are invoiced directly to your family prior to the camp taking place. Payment or a payment plan is to be made before your child goes on camp.
- Bucket hats, satchels and extra diaries are available at the office, when required.
- School photos are ordered and paid directly to the school photographer.

Dunkeld Consolidated School holds various fundraisers throughout the year and we thank our parents and families for their organisation and support of these events.

### **Financial Support for Families**

Dunkeld Consolidated School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) available to eligible families.
- State Schools Relief Support available for uniforms/footwear.
- Second-hand uniforms.
- Local community support.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, please contact Mrs Terrie Nicholson, Operations Manager on 5577 2384 or email: [dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)**

If you receive CSEF funding your child's Extra-Curricular Items and Activities will be paid using the CSEF funds received by the school. The funding for 2026 is \$400.00 per eligible student.

CSEF funding is available to those families who currently hold a means-tested concession card. CSEF application forms are sent home with students at the commencement of the 2026 school year. If you have previously applied for CSEF and your circumstances have not changed, you will not need to apply again as your applications rollover from year to year.

# PREP TO YEAR 6

Dunkeld Consolidated School  
2026 Parent Payment Arrangements



Family Name .....

TOTAL OF ALL CATEGORIES	
<b>CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS (Voluntary) - \$50.00 per student per term (\$200.00 total)</b>	
TERM 1: \$50.00 x number of students: .....	\$
TERM 2: \$50.00 x number of students: .....	\$
TERM 3: \$50.00 x number of students: .....	\$
TERM 4: \$50.00 x number of students: .....	\$
<b>BSB: 063 093 Account Number: 1000 4504</b>	
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS</b> <i>Families are welcome to make a voluntary contribution towards resources, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), grounds maintenance and equipment, please advise the School Admin office. BSB: 063 093 Account Number: 1000 4504</i>	\$
<b>TAX DEDUCTIBLE Voluntary Contribution (DGR status)</b> <i>(Please advise the School Admin office)</i> <b>Dunkeld Consolidated School Council Library Fund:</b> <b>BSB: 063 513 Account Number: 1020 4054</b>	\$
<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR ITEMS and ACTIVITIES</b> <i>(user pays basis – no fees billed as yet)</i>	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE</b>	\$

## Payment Methods

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or direct credit into our school account:

Account Name: Dunkeld Consolidated School Council Official Account  
BSB: 063 093  
Account Number: 1000 4504

## 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 Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

*Thank you for supporting our school and its programs.*



# 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 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.
- 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

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

#### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

#### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

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.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### 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.