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Dear parents

This letter provides information about voluntary contributions you can make to support Romsey Primary School for 2027 and other payments you can choose to make.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction. This means all students have free access to all items, activities and services that schools use to deliver the curriculum, including reasonable adjustments to support students with disability.

Some families choose to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the school, and we are very grateful for this support. Making a voluntary contribution is your choice. There is no expectation or pressure for families to contribute.

Romsey Primary School offers a range of items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Financial help is available for extra-curricular items and activities if you are experiencing financial hardship (see further details under Financial Help for Families in the attached information). For a confidential discussion about how to access the financial help available, please contact: Jess Gidman on 5429 5099 or Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

If you need an interpreter, please contact 03 9605 3053 and give our school's phone number [insert school's phone number]. An interpreter can help you speak with us. This service is free. For more information, please see How to use an interpreter to contact your school.

For more information on the Department of Education's Parent Contributions policy please see the information attached. You can read the full policy at Parent Contributions: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Stewart
Principal

Benjamin Burns
School Council President

Romsey Primary School 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARRANGEMENTS

Voluntary contributions

If you are the carer of a student in out-of-home care or hold a financially means-tested card (such as a healthcare card), please ignore the invitation to make voluntary contributions.

We encourage any family experiencing financial hardship to contact the school for information about the financial help available for extra-curricular activities like camps and excursions.

Voluntary contributions [specialist schools can note that these are tax deductible if they hold DGR status]	**Suggested amount – parents can contribute more or less**	**Amount**
Voluntary contributions to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment.	$250.00	$

Extra-curricular items and activities

Romsey Primary School offers a range of optional items and activities that are additional to the free instruction provided to all students at our school. Accessing these items and activities does require payment, but financial support is available (see further details under Financial Help for Families below).

Example extra-curricular items and activities include:

- optional activities, camps, excursions and programs
- class photos
- social events like graduation

We have provided confirmed or indicative costs of known extra-curricular items and activities below.

Payment for extra-curricular items and activities with a confirmed cost can be made now or later. Payments can also be made via instalment.

Please contact the school for advice on financial help available for extra-curricular items and activities.

Extra-curricular items and activities	**Indicative cost**	**Confirmed cost (where known)**	**Parent/carer to select**
Grade 3/4 Camp (1 night stay)	$220.00	TBD	
Grade 5/6 Camp (2 night stay)	$370.00	TBD	
Physical Education: - including District, Division & Regional: athletics, summer & winter sports, basketball, soccer, netball & cross country	$3.00 - $15.00	TBD	

Sports Development Program: - including AFL, Netball & Basketball	$20.00 - $60.00	TBD	
Year 6 Graduation lunch	$20.00	TBD	
Leading From The Front Incursion – senior students only	$30.00	TBD	
Gisborne Secondary College Transition – senior students only (bus charges)	$10.00	TBD	
Winter Jackets – prince dependent on size and style	$45.00 - $60.00	TBD	
Year 6 Bomber Jackets	$60.00	TBD	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities	$3.00 - $370.00		

Booklist items:

All stationery and booklist items required for the school year will be supplied by the school.

Parents are not required to purchase any items from the booklist or stationery list. The school will ensure that all necessary resources are provided to students.

Financial help for families

Romsey Primary School understands families can experience financial difficulty. Help is available, including:

- **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** – this program provides funding for eligible students, including those in out of home care, and holders of eligible financially means-tested cards (such as health care cards), to attend activities like camps, sporting activities, excursions and incursions that are offered on a user-pays basis.
- **Affordable School Uniforms** **-** delivered by State Schools Relief, this program helps cover costs such as school uniforms, shoes, and other essential school items where families are experiencing financial hardship or short-term crisis.
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
- Second-hand uniform store / sales - contact the office for further information.

Applications for support from the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief are submitted by the school - please contact us to discuss these and other financial help.

For a confidential discussion about how to access financial help, please contact:

Jess Gidman
Ph: 03 5429 5099 | Email: Romsey.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Payment can be made at the office by cash or EFT or on the Compass app.

If you would like to make voluntary contributions throughout the year, you can:

- decide when to make each contribution
- choose the amount of each contribution.

If you would like to pay for extra-curricular items and activities through instalments, please contact the office for further information.

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 of Education's Parent Contributions policy and guidance, Financial Help for Families policy, and any other relevant information.