

# 2021 Parent Payment Fees Schedule

Dear Parent/Guardian

The *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* provides that instruction in the standard curriculum program is delivered free to all students in Victorian Government schools; this is referred to as 'free instruction'. The Act also grants School Councils the power to charge fees for goods and services to support the delivery of free instruction and to raise funds.

Free instruction includes learning and teaching, instructional supports, materials and resources, administration and facilities associated with the provision of the standard curriculum program. The standard curriculum program includes core learning and teaching activities related to the Victorian Essential Learning Standards.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development *Parent Payments in Victorian 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 Department's School Policy and Advisory Guide ([www.education.vic.gov.au/spag](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spag)).

There are three areas for which parents may reasonably be requested to make a payment or contribution:

- **ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS** which parents/guardians pay the school to provide or may provide themselves, if appropriate (for example, stationery, text books and excursions (travel and entry costs))
- **VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS** which parents/guardians are invited to donate to the school
- **OPTIONAL EXTRAS** which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents/guardians may **choose** whether their child accesses or participates in (for example, extracurricular programs or activities)

School Councils are responsible for developing and approving a school-level Parent Payment Policy that is compliant with the Department's policy. The Yea Primary School Council has made a considerable effort to ensure that this school policy is fair and provides a number of options to support parents to access the materials and services associated with their child's education. The contributions provided by our parent community are a vital element within this process.

## ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS

Essential Education Items consist of

### 1. Equipment Packs

These packs are available for purchase from the school admin from **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. These packs represent significant savings for parents. Our pricing structure is very hard to beat as it is at cost, GST free along with addition cost saving due to purchasing in bulk and sharing of items across the cohort. **Equipment packs must be purchased on or before Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January so they can participate fully in classroom activities.** Please note items such as photocopying, headphones and shared items make up part of the pack charge but will be retained and managed by the teacher, distributing as needed throughout the school year. This ensures equal access, continuity and consistency of learning materials.

Parents / Guardians may choose to provide or purchase items themselves. If you choose to do this you must consult with the school so that your child has the right items. There may be some items or services you cannot purchase yourself and some items which, due to their nature, can only be provided by the school and therefore must be paid for by the parents. Should you wish to supply your own items the school will give you an itemised list of materials so you can purchase the equivalent.

## YEAR LEVEL EQUIPMENT PACK COSTS

Year Level	Equipment Pack	Please note Equipment Packs can be purchased from the school administration from Tuesday 16th November 2020  Packs Contents: 1. Individual equipment items for the 2021 school year 2. Charge for shared class items and photocopied material that will be managed by the class teacher and distributed as required. 3. Personal headphones. Quality head phones will be supplied to your child, named and utilized through out their time at Yea Primary School. A maximum of three headphones will be supplied over 7 years at the cost of \$18 per year and is incorporated in the Equipment Pack charge.
Prep	\$120.00	
1	\$120.00	
2	\$120.00	
3	\$120.00	
4	\$120.00	
5	\$145.00	
6	\$140.00	

### 1. Essential Education Fee

The school ensures each child has fair and equitable access to education and payment of fees allows us to deliver programs that would not otherwise be delivered. This includes our laptop program that provides and maintains a laptop for every student in the school. The compulsory charge of \$290 applies for each student attending Yea Primary School in 2021 as all students are expected to participate in and receive Essential Education Items associated with the following core curriculum programs:

Year Book	Incursions / Excursions	Literacy	Maths	Art	First Aid	Science	Home Ec.	Chinese & Music tuition	1-1 Learning Technology Program	Tech & Eng.	Total Fees
\$15.00	\$6.00	\$26.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$3.00	\$9.70	\$4.70	\$45.00	\$125.00	\$5.60	<b>\$290.00</b>

The \$290/child fee is payable on or before **5<sup>th</sup> March 2021** unless other arrangements have been made.

### VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The school is very grateful for any Voluntary Financial Contributions you may wish to make. You can allocate your contribution across a number of areas as per the Fees Payment Schedule / Voluntary Contributions. We are continually striving to improve the school and the learning experience of our students with contributions going a long way to helping us achieve our goals. Voluntary contributions to the Building and Library Funds are tax deductible and a Tax Receipt will be issued with all payments to these funds. Other voluntary funds include School Council Initiative Fund, Maintenance and Improvement Fund and the Chaplaincy / Hands-On Learning Fund

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Throughout the year and depending on what your child wishes to participate in, there are additional adhoc costs. These include camps, skipping, graduation, school photos etc.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Yea Primary School is very proud of the quality programs that we have put in place to cater for the needs and interests of our students. We make every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum and believe we offer great value for money. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. If you have difficulty making payments I encourage you to make an appointment to speak to myself or Fiona Joseph (Business Manager) to discuss possible support options. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

**Please return your Fee Payment Slip to school administration on or before **28<sup>th</sup> January 2021****

Alternate payment arrangements are also available through the school. If you have any queries or wish to discuss your circumstances and the options available to you, please contact the school to make an appointment.