



2018 STUDENT FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Abbotsford Primary School makes every effort to keep the sort of items that need to be purchased at a minimum gaining considerable savings to families. In line with the Department of Education and Training, parents are expected to make an annual payment to supplement the cost of your child's educational program in 2018.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) provides funding through the Student Resource Package. This means that we receive bulk funding for the cost of the school's educational programs. The funding covers staff salaries, professional development, building maintenance, cleaning and sanitation supplies, energy, administration and contributions to our educational programs. Even with the additional income of fundraising and the hire of school facilities, these funds do not meet the cost of the quality education programs we wish to provide for your children.

School Council has determined the Essential Student Items cost for 2018 will be \$190.00, \$60.00 less than in 2017. This cost includes stationary, work books, paper and art/craft supplies.

Excursions (transport & entrance) are not included in the Essential Student Items, although they are essential to our curriculum. All students are expected to attend and families are asked to pay for these as the activities occur through the year and are vital to the curriculum.

We have also asked families to make a voluntary contribution of \$100.00 to support investment in technology and library resources.

Abbotsford Primary School appreciates that families may at times, experience financial difficulty in meeting payment requests. A number of support options are available to families experiencing financial difficulty in meeting payment requests. These include the School's Second – Hand Uniform Shop, State Schools Relief and/or the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Families experiencing financial difficulty in meeting payment requests are welcome to contact the school by phone (03) 9428 5977 or email abbotsford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to confidentially discuss payment plans and options.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on (03) 9428 5977 with any further questions or queries.

Kind regards,

Latham Burns
Principal

Virginia Dods
School Council President



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Please find an itemised list below that includes the *Essential Student Learning Items* (those items that your child requires for school) and the *Voluntary Contribution*.

Abbotsford Primary School endeavours to keep the cost and number of *Essential Student Learning Items* to a minimum. Staff also try to ensure that these costs are affordable for all families. Families experiencing financial difficulty in meeting payment requests are welcome to contact the school by phone (03) 9428 5977 or email abbotsford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Any information regarding family financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status is to remain confidential.

Payment can be made from **Tuesday 30 January 2018** and is due by **Friday 23 February 2018**. Please present the attached statement to the school office when making a payment.

Please note that additional school charges, such as for excursions and school events, may arise during the year.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS

Item/Service	Specifications	Amount
Essential Student Learning Items	<p>The classroom materials and resources that your child will require for the year include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Writing Materials (pencils and pens). ▪ Exercise Books ▪ Art/Craft Supplies ▪ Stationery (scissors, glue, sharpener, rulers, etc.) ▪ Paper (in a variety of colours and styles) 	\$190.00 per student

VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

It would be greatly appreciated that you make a voluntary contribution to assist the school with improving the ICT or library resources, or to assist another child in the payment of their student requisites.

Item	Amount
Voluntary Contribution (ICT and Library Resources) per student	\$100.00 per student