



## Sydenham-Hillside Primary School A High Achieving School

Learning, Responsibility, Respect, Safety

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November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

School Councils are responsible for developing and approving a school-level parent payment policy that is compliant with the Department's policy. If you would like a copy please follow the link on the school website. [www.sydenham.vic.edu.au](http://www.sydenham.vic.edu.au)

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 (for example, stationery, text books;
- ❖ **Optional education items** which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents/guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates in (for example, athletics, reading eggs, incursions, excursions, camps or extracurricular programs or activities); and
- ❖ **Voluntary financial contributions.** Parents/guardians may be invited to make a voluntary donation to help support the school in developing projects at each campus.

### Essential Education Item - Bulk Classroom Requisites

These items are essential to classroom learning and enrich the children's experiences. We ask parents to assist with the purchase of these materials by contributing \$90 per student. An itemised list is below:

- Cover paper A4, coloured paper A4 and cartridge paper, Butchers Paper.....\$30.00
- Japanese consumable language materials .....\$30.00
- Art consumable materials, eg clay, glaze, glitter, craft paper etc.....\$30.00

**Total Classroom Requisites..... \$90.00**

Included is a charge for a Student Diary which students' have used over the past few years. The School Diary is specifically designed and printed for our school. It is not available to be purchased anywhere else.

The diary (A4 size) will be used for recording dates, daily reading signatures, notes and other communication to parents. It also provides relevant website addresses and useful learning support resources.

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The diaries will support the school home partnership and will be an important part of school life for your child. There will be other features of these diaries that are not available in commercially produced diaries.

**School Diary.....\$10.00**

### **Optional Education Items**

Also included is a charge for Mathletics and Reading Eggs (Digital Package). Over the past few years Mathletics has had a positive effect on students' number skills. The students who use the program regularly have improved their addition, subtraction and 'times tables' knowledge significantly. Students compete in a number skills game online with children all over Australia and in some countries overseas. The students love the program and it has great educational value.

The school is able to offer students 24 hour access to this program at a cost of \$9.00. If you were to purchase Mathletics out of school it would cost you \$40.00. More than 3.5 million students around the world use Mathletics. It covers State and National Curriculum with over 1000 learning activities and weekly reports email to parents.

Reading Eggs is an online reading program that makes learning and practicing essential reading skills a fun and motivating experience. Students and teachers will have access to over 2000 titles which can be read at home and school. Positive reinforcement is motivating students as they earn eggs for reading books, writing stories, completing comprehension quizzes and playing learning games.

The classroom teacher will supply your child with their individual password.

Services that are provided in addition to the 'standard' curriculum program

- Mathletics .....\$9.00
- Reading Eggs .....\$9.00

### **Voluntary Contribution**

School Council members from Sydenham-Hillside Primary School would like to invite parents to make a voluntary payment to help support the school in developing new facilities for the school community. Your contribution will be very welcome and the funds will be allocated to projects at each campus. The School Council has suggested amounts of \$40, \$50, \$75 or another nominated amount. The changes to the 2021 program are in line with the DET requirements.

### **Financial Support**

The staff and School Council are very aware of the financial pressures on families and thus we have endeavoured to maintain costs to the barest minimum. A range of support options are available to parents who have difficulty making payments include:

- Various alternative payment options
- Access to State Schools Relief Committee support via the Campus Principals to assist with clothing/uniforms.
- Saver Plus ([www.bsl.org.au/services/money-matters/saver-plus/#c476](http://www.bsl.org.au/services/money-matters/saver-plus/#c476))
- CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund.

Families who do not have an immediate capacity to pay are also able to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the school. Should you require information about financial assistance please contact a member of the Principal Team.

We look forward to working with you next year to support your child's development in 2020.

Yours sincerely



Ben Russell  
Principal



Vicki Harriss  
School Council President

## Payment Methods

- Qkr!** - Download the App to your mobile device – see attached document  
**Payment by instalments can be made using the Instalment payment option.**
- In person** - at the campus office by Cash, Credit Card or EFTPOS
- By Mail** - Credit Card details

**Please see the attached sheet for payment instructions.**